



# Got Fireworks?

## Keep it legal, keep it safe!



The safest way to enjoy fireworks this Fourth of July holiday is to attend a professionally hosted public display.

If you do purchase or use consumer fireworks, **ONLY** buy them from an approved Loudoun County stand and follow all safety precautions.

Over the 2017 Fourth of July holiday weekend, the Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office and local law enforcement **responded to 238 incidents involving illegal fireworks!** In most cases, residents were simply not educated about what's legal and what's not.

**750 lbs. of illegal fireworks, worth \$8,500, were surrendered from Loudoun residents!**



**REMEMBER...Possessing, selling or using unlawful fireworks is a Class 1 misdemeanor, punishable by up to 12 months in jail and/or a fine of \$2,500.** In Loudoun County, anything that explodes, rises in the air or shoots a projectile is illegal. If you have questions please call the Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office at 703-737-8600.

And **PLEASE** be safe...

In 2015 US Emergency Rooms treated 11,900 people for firework related injuries, with nearly half to children under 17! Most of these firework related injuries occur at family or private parties.

- ✓ Always have ADULT supervision!
- ✓ Never pick up "dud" fireworks that did not fire!  
Wait 20 minutes and treat them as spent fireworks.
- ✓ Wet the area down prior to lighting fireworks to prevent accidental fires!
- ✓ Soak used fireworks thoroughly before disposing of them.

A list of public shows, approved fireworks and retail stands can be found at [www.loudoun.gov/fireworks](http://www.loudoun.gov/fireworks)