



Village of Mount Prospect **Press Release**

Mount Prospect Fire Department Fireworks Safety Reminder

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As Fourth of July celebrations approach, the Mount Prospect Fire Department would like to remind residents that the Village of Mount Prospect prohibits all types of fireworks, including sparklers. The Village of Mount Prospect Fire Prevention Code prohibits the use, purchase, and possession of fireworks. Fines for use of fireworks can range from **\$500 to \$2,500** per incident.

All fireworks are dangerous and can result in burns, hearing loss, and many other serious injuries, including death. In addition, fireworks have led to a number of fires that have caused significant property damage. Thousands of people, mostly children, are seriously injured every single year due to illegal fireworks use, one-third of these result in permanent eye damage. According to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, in 2023 there were more than 10,000 people treated in emergency rooms across the country for fireworks-related injuries, with 42% of these injuries being burns. Between 2008 and 2023, there has been an overall increase in firework injuries.

In 2022, according to the National Fire Protection Association, fireworks started an estimated **31,302** fires, including **3,504** structure fires, **887** vehicles fires, **26,492** outside fires. Contrary to popular belief, sparklers are not a safe alternative as they can reach temperatures of up to 1800°F. Sparklers remain hot even after they are extinguished, potentially causing burns. Fireworks should only be used by professionals with proper permits and training.

The Mount Prospect Fire Chief, John Dolan said, "Fireworks are frequently seen as a harmless tradition, especially during Fourth of July celebrations, but the dangers should never be overlooked. We are asking the public to play it safe and leave the fireworks to professionals."

Instead of fireworks, you can celebrate the holiday safely by using glow sticks, flashlights, glow in the dark toys and party poppers.

The Mount Prospect Fire Department wishes you a safe Fourth of July celebration. For any questions regarding fireworks or any other fire safety questions, please contact the Mount Prospect Fire Department at 847-818-5253.

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