



Village of Mount Prospect **Press Release**

Mount Prospect Fire Department Firework Safety

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MOUNT PROSPECT, Ill. – The Mount Prospect Fire Department would like to remind all 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 the use of fireworks can range from \$500 to \$2,500 per incident.

All fireworks are dangerous and can result in burns, hearing loss, and other serious injuries. Thousands of people, mostly children, are seriously injured every single year from illegal firework use and one-third of these incidents result in permanent eye damage. Fireworks should only be used by professionals with the proper permits and training required.

According to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, there were more than 10,000 people treated in emergency rooms across the country for firework-related injuries last year, with 42% of those injuries being burns. Between 2008 and 2023, there has been an overall increase in firework injuries.

In addition, fireworks can cause serious fires and significant property damage. According to the National Fire Protection Association, fireworks started an estimated 19,500 fires in 2018.

The Mount Prospect Fire Chief, John Dolan said, “While fireworks are considered a fun Fourth of July tradition, the dangers they cause are often overlooked. We are asking the public to play it safe and leave the fireworks to professionals.”

Contrary to popular belief, sparklers are not a safe alternative as they can reach temperatures up to 1800°F and remain hot even after they are extinguished. 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 fire safety, please contact the Mount Prospect Fire Department at 847-818-5253.

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