



# Fall City Fire District 27 Wants You to Have a Safe July 4<sup>th</sup>!

Fireworks are synonymous with our celebration of Independence Day. Yet the thrill of fireworks can also bring pain. Every year the hospital emergency room treats people who are injured in fireworks related incidents. In 2014, there were an estimated 10,500 fireworks-related injuries and 11 fireworks deaths reported in the United States. If your family celebrates the Fourth of July with fireworks the Fall City Fire Department would like to share the following safety tips:

- **Young people ages 15-24 are the highest risk group for firework related injuries followed by children under 10.**
- **Set boundaries with your children, only adults should light fireworks.**
- **Keep children away from fireworks, matches, and lighters.**
- **Use only legal, common fireworks from a reliable licensed outlet; be mindful that legal fireworks can cause serious injuries as well.**
- **Sparklers can heat up to 1800 degrees Fahrenheit, more than sufficient to cause severe skin burns or ignite clothing.**
- **Have a charged garden hose, bucket of water or fire extinguisher ready.**
- **Never hold or throw fireworks and never throw fireworks at another person.**
- **Never try to relight a "dud" firework, douse and soak them with water.**
- **Avoid aerial type fireworks.**
- **Do not discharge fireworks near dry grass or brush.**
- **If a fire starts, call 911 early, so firefighting crews can respond as soon as possible.**
- **Be neighbor friendly; don't leave your fireworks debris in the street.**
- **Also don't forget about your pets; keep them indoors or in a safe place.**



Happy 4th of July!

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals. Here is a list of some local and favorite July 4th Celebrations.

- ☆ Bellevue - Bellevue Family Fourth, Bellevue Downtown Park - 10:05 pm
- ☆ Carnation - Carnation 4th of July Celebration, Tolt McDonald Park - Dusk
- ☆ Kirkland - Celebrate Kirkland, Marina Park - 10:15 pm
- ☆ Sammamish - Fourth on the Plateau, Sammamish Commons Park - 10:00 pm

Discharging fireworks in unincorporated King County can occur only on July 4, between the hours of 9 am-midnight. If you have questions about fireworks use within city limits, please contact the appropriate city police department.

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