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Firework Safety

The Alaska Division of Fire Prevention reminds Alaskans to practice firework safety during the celebration of our nation's anniversary. We suggest that you attend one of the permitted professional public firework displays listed below:

Anchorage – July 3
Eagle River – July 3
Haines – July 4
Juneau – July 3
Kodiak – July 3
Pelican – July 3
Petersburg – July 4
Seward – July 3
Sitka – July 3
Skagway – July 3
Unalaska – July 4
Valdez – July 3
Wasilla – July 3
Whittier – July 3-4
Wrangell – July 4

Please contact your local jurisdiction for the time of the display. If you still plan to use fireworks please follow these safety guidelines:

Ensure they are legal in your area.

Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass.

Always have a bucket of water and/or a fire extinguisher nearby. Know how to operate the fire extinguisher properly.

Do not wear loose clothing while using fireworks.

Stand several feet away from lit fireworks. If a device does not go off, do not stand over it to investigate it. Put it out with water and dispose of it.

Always read the directions and warning labels on fireworks. If a device is not marked with the contents, direction and a warning label, do not light it.

Supervise children around fireworks at all times.

The Alaska State Fire Marshal reminds Alaskans to consider the weather conditions when deciding to use fireworks. The local Division of Forestry office monitors weather conditions and can advise if it is too dry to use fireworks.