



# CITY OF PATERSON

## Office of Emergency Management

### Fireworks Safety Tips

The City of Paterson Office of Emergency Management, along with the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety, provides important safety guidelines for residents who choose to use legal fireworks.

#### **Legal Fireworks in New Jersey:**

- Hand-held and ground-based sparklers, poppers, and snappers.
- Ground displays that emit sparks.

#### **Illegal Fireworks in New Jersey:**

- Anything that explodes or launches into the air.
- Common firecrackers, aerial rockets, Roman candles, bombs, and other similar devices.

#### **Fireworks Safety Guidelines:**

To ensure safety when using legal fireworks, always follow manufacturer instructions, use them outdoors away from people and flammable materials, and never point or throw them at others. Keep a safe distance after lighting and never reignite malfunctioning fireworks. Ensure children are supervised or not allowed to use fireworks, and adults should be sober. Always have water nearby and soak used or malfunctioning fireworks before disposal. Only purchase legal fireworks from reputable sources.



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#### **Important Reminders:**

Even legal fireworks like sparklers can cause serious burns, reaching temperatures of about 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit. Keep pets indoors during fireworks displays as the loud noises can be distressing.

Please note: Violating New Jersey's fireworks laws can result in serious penalties, including fines and jail time.

For more information, you can contact the City of Paterson Office of Emergency Management at +1 973-321-1410