

Enjoy the Show, But Don't Join In!

Fireworks Facts and Safety Tips

The Dedham Fire Department and Police Department are always busy on the Fourth of July, but we know fireworks happen all summer. As we approach the summer months, celebrate more holidays, and host more gatherings, we want to take this time to talk about Fireworks Law here in Massachusetts and Fireworks Safety:

FACTS:

- All fireworks are **illegal for private citizens** in Massachusetts to use, sell, or transport. (MGL Chapter 148, S. 39)
- It is **illegal to purchase** fireworks out of state and bring them back to Massachusetts to use them.
- Only licensed pyrotechnic technicians are permitted to use fireworks in Massachusetts.
- If found, law enforcement shall seize any and all fireworks, and fines may be issued or criminal charges sought.

SAFETY TIPS:

- Sparklers can burn at **1,800 degrees F!** (For reference, glass melts at 900 degrees F and wood burns at 575 degrees F)
- Over last 10 years, a total of **941 major fire and explosion incidents** involving fireworks, resulting in over **\$2 million in damages** and **over 50 injuries** combined of both civilians and first responders.
 - **41%** of fireworks-related burn injuries in the last 10 years were to children under age 18 and **26%** were under age 10.

IF YOU SUSPECT OR WITNESS ILLEGAL
USE OF FIREWORKS, CONTACT
DEDHAM POLICE & FIRE AT 911



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For a listing of fireworks shows in Massachusetts, visit our Fireworks Safety page on the Dedham website (source: Mass.gov)