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FIREWORKS SAFETY

Kansas City, Kansas, allows for the discharge of 'Consumer Grade' fireworks from July 2nd to July 4th, during the hours of 9am to 11pm. Help prevent injuries or property damage by following these safety tips:

Discharging of fireworks

- ❖ Purchase fireworks from licensed merchants, never discharge homemade or illegal fireworks.
- ❖ Have a responsible adult in charge and never give fireworks to children.
- ❖ Always read and follow label instructions for the safe discharge of fireworks.
- ❖ Prepare a safe environment outdoors for the shooting off of fireworks by selecting an area clear of other fireworks, combustible materials (dried wood, grass, or structures) and cut the grass low in the areas will fireworks will be discharged.
- ❖ Have water readily available such as garden hose, bucket or portable pump sprayer should a grass fire ignite. Never try to extinguish 'live' fireworks that are on fire; back away quickly and call the Fire Department.
- ❖ Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- ❖ When lighting fireworks, never position any part of your body over the fireworks.
- ❖ Do not shoot/point fireworks at people or animals.
- ❖ Light fireworks one at a time.
- ❖ Never shoot fireworks in or from metal or glass containers.

Disposal of fireworks

- ❖ Dispose of fireworks debris in a non-combustible container
- ❖ DO NOT place fireworks debris near/in a structure or vehicle. Soak the debris with water and leave it curbside.
- ❖ When a firework fails to go off, wait 20 minutes to approach the 'dud' and soak it with water.

Kansas City Kansas Municipal Ordinances

- ❖ It is illegal to shoot fireworks from, on, or under a vehicle whether it is moving or parked.
- ❖ It is illegal to throw or place any fireworks in any gathering of persons.
- ❖ It is illegal to shoot fireworks on any public roadway, alley, or sidewalk; within 150 feet of a fireworks stand, within 100 feet of a gas station, or within 1000 feet of a hospital or home for the aged.
- ❖ It is illegal to ignite or discharge any fireworks in any building.
- ❖ Illegal fireworks include: bottle rockets, missile-type rockets (with guidance fins) and sky lanterns.

It is always safest to leave the fireworks to the professionals; watch and enjoy Local Public Displays

- ❖ Friday (7/2) at Pierson Park (1800 S. 55th Street)

Report any illegal fireworks by calling 911 (for in-progress issues) or the Arson Hot-Line 913-573-5555 (for anonymous or reporting of known violators).