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## **FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS**

The discharging of 'Consumer Grade' fireworks are permitted in Kansas City, Kansas, between July 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Kansas City Kansas Fire Department urges citizens and visitors to be safe when possessing and discharging them.

### SAFETY TIPS TO FOLLOW

- Purchase fireworks from a legal source; never discharge homemade or illegal fireworks.
- Have a responsible adult in charge, always supervise children around fireworks.
- Read and follow label instructions for the safe discharge of fireworks.
- Prepare a safe environment outdoors for discharging fireworks by selecting an area clear of other fireworks, structures and combustible materials (dried wood, tall grass & weeds).
- Have water readily available such as garden hose, bucket, or pump sprayer should a grass fire ignite.
- Never carry fireworks in your pockets.
- **When lighting fireworks, never position any part of your body over the fireworks.**
- Do not shoot or point fireworks at people or animals.
- Light fireworks one at a time and wait until it discharges; never attempt to re-light a device 'dud' that did not discharge the first time. Wait 20 minutes to approach the 'dud'. After waiting 20 minutes place all misfires in a bucket of water.
- **When cleaning up, do not place discharged fireworks remains near combustible structures. Place curbside.**
- Never discharge fireworks in or from a metal or glass container.

### CITY ORDINANCE

- It is illegal to shoot fireworks from, on, or under a vehicle.
- 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.
- Fireworks may be sold in Kansas City, Kansas, from June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup> during the hours of 9am and 10pm.
- **Fireworks may be discharged from July 2<sup>nd</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup> during the hours of 9:00am and 11:00pm.**

For more tips or information contact the Fire Marshal's office. The Kansas City Kansas Fire Department wishes all residents and visitors a safe and enjoyable 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Call 911 to report any suspected illegal fireworks activities.

**\*\*\*Drive with a heighten awareness on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Children may not be alert to traffic.**