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FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

While the discharge of 'Consumer Grade' fireworks are permitted in Kansas City, Kansas, between July 2nd and July 4th, the Kansas City Kansas Fire Department urges citizens and visitors to be cautious when using them. Each year nearly 10,000 people are injured as a result of the improper use of fireworks. Following these safety tips will help to reduce the potential for injuries while using consumer grade fireworks:

- Purchase fireworks from reliable sources, 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 or bucket; pump sprayers are reasonably priced and portable 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/point fireworks at people or animals.
- Light fireworks one at a time and wait until it discharges; never attempt to re-light a device that did not discharge the first time. Wait 20 minutes to approach the 'dud' and soak it with water.
- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- 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 discharged between 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 happy 4th of July.