

Shreveport Police Dept.



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SPD Offers July 4th Fireworks Safety Tips

Fireworks is one of the leading causes of serious injuries because of unsafe use by amateurs. Each year, fireworks cause serious injuries resulting emergency room treatment, permanent scarring, loss of vision, dismemberment, severe burns, lifelong disfigurement or even death.

To prevent the aforementioned injuries caused by improper use of fireworks, the Shreveport Police Department offers the following Safety Tips:

- NEVER discharge fireworks indoors
- NEVER allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks
- ALWAYS have adult supervision
- NEVER mix alcohol and fireworks use
- ALWAYS have water handy (a garden hose or bucket)
- NEVER pick up or try to re-ignite a Dud
- ALWAYS light fireworks one at a time
- NEVER ignite fireworks in any container
- NEVER hold a firework in your hand to ignite it
- NEVER place an ignited firework on any part of your body
- NEVER point or throw fireworks at another person
- ALWAYS obey local laws
- If possible, attend a public fireworks display at the Shreveport Independence Day Festival

For those who choose to purchase fireworks from local vendors, firework sales continue through 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5, 2016. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge, ignite or explode fireworks in the city limits between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. The Shreveport Police Department will enforce the strict firework ordinance.

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