

### What Consumer Fireworks are Legal?

- See middle side of this page titled "Oregon Legal Consumer Fireworks"

### What Fireworks/Explosives are ILLEGAL?

- See right side of this page of this brochure titled "Oregon ILLEGAL Fireworks" and "Oregon ILLEGAL explosives"

### Where are the Use of Fireworks Legal?

- Within the city limits of Medford except in the illegal locations listed below

### Where are the Use of Fireworks ILLEGAL?

- Within the Bear Creek Greenway
- Within Wildfire Risk Areas (Hillside areas)
- Within any City Park
- Within any Public School

### What is the Violation Penalty for Using Oregon Illegal Fireworks?

- Citation with a \$2,500 fine

### If My Use of Fireworks Causes Damage, What May I Be Held Liable For?

- Property damage claims
- Reimbursement of suppression costs
- Negligence claims
- Fines and penalties for ILLEGAL use

### When are Fireworks ILLEGAL to Use?

- The use of retail fireworks within the City of Medford is prohibited during any declared fire season except July 1 through July 6

### Is it ILLEGAL to Sell Fireworks within the Medford City Limits?

- Yes

### Where Is it Legal to Sell Fireworks?

- Outside the Medford city limits or within the urban growth boundary by PERMIT only

### Is it ILLEGAL to Store Fireworks within the Medford City Limits?

- Yes

### Is it ILLEGAL to Manufacture Fireworks within the Medford City Limits?

- Yes

### Oregon Legal Consumer Fireworks (1.4G)

Any consumer firework that **does not** explode, **does not** fly into the air, **does not** behave in an uncontrolled or unpredictable manner, and **does not** travel more than 12 feet horizontally

See ORS 480.111(2) & OAR 837-012-0610 (31)

#### Examples:



Base Fountain    Sparkler    Cone Fountain



Wheel



Ground Bloom/Spinner



Handheld Fountain  
(does not shoot flaming balls)



Flitter Sparkler

### Oregon Legal Unclassified



Smoke Devices



Poppers



Snakes

### Oregon ILLEGAL Fireworks (1.3G)\*

Any firework or device that explodes, flies into the air, behaves in an uncontrolled or unpredictable manner, or travels more than 12 feet horizontally

See ORS 480.111(2) & OAR 837-012-0610 (31)

#### Examples:



Crazy Jack, Jumping Jack, Bees, Helicopters



Firecrackers



Bottle Rockets, Sky Rockets, Missile Rockets



Roman Candle  
(shoots flaming balls)



Aerial Shell with Mortars

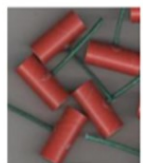
### Oregon ILLEGAL Explosives



Silver Salute



Cherry Bomb



M-80, M-100 etc.

\* Allowed for permitted public displays or permitted limited displays

## Fireworks Related Injuries-Facts (CDC)

In 2018, five people died and an estimated 9,100 were treated in emergency departments for fireworks-related injuries in the United States.

- ◆ An estimated 5,600 (62%) of fireworks-related injuries were treated in emergency departments during the June 22-July 22.
- ◆ During that time period:
  - There were 500 injuries involving sparklers, 1,000 injuries involving firecrackers, and 200 injuries involving bottle rockets.
  - Children under 5 years of age experienced an estimated 400 injuries.
  - Children ages 10-14 accounted for the highest rate (19%) of ER fireworks-related injuries.
  - Nearly twice as many males were injured as females.
  - Young people under twenty sustained 48% of all injuries from fireworks.
  - Sparklers accounted for 54% of the injuries to children under 5 years of age.
- ◆ Nature of these injuries:
  - 44% of the injuries were burns.
  - The most common injury to all body parts except the eyes and head areas, where contusions, lacerations and foreign bodies were the most frequent injuries to eyes.
  - Body parts most injured were hands and fingers (28%), legs (24%), eyes (19%), head, face, and ear (15%), arms (4%).
- ◆ Fireworks injuries can be associated with blindness, third degree burns, and permanent scarring.
- ◆ People actively participating in fireworks-related activities are more frequently and severely injured than bystanders.
- ◆ Fireworks can also cause life-threatening residential and motor vehicle fires.
- ◆ Many of the 114 fireworks-related deaths between 2001-2016 involved professional devices that were illegally sold to consumers.

Source: CPSC 2018 Fireworks Annual Report

## Fireworks Safety\*

- ◆ Observe local laws.
- ◆ Do not allow young children to play with fireworks under any circumstances. Sparklers, considered by many as "safe" fireworks for the young burn at very high temperatures and can easily ignite clothing. Children cannot understand the danger involved and cannot act appropriately in case of emergency.
- ◆ Older children should only be permitted to use fireworks under close adult supervision. Do not allow any running or horseplay.
- ◆ Only light fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from houses, dry leaves or grass and flammable materials.
- ◆ Keep a bucket of water nearby for emergencies and for pouring on fireworks that don't go off.
- ◆ Do not try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks.
- ◆ Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
- ◆ Never throw or point fireworks at other people
- ◆ Never ignite fireworks in a container, especially a glass or metal container.
- ◆ Unused fireworks should be kept away from firing areas.
- ◆ Douse and soak fireworks with water before throwing them away.
- ◆ Store fireworks in a dry, cool place. Check instructions for special storage directions.
- ◆ Never have any part of your body directly over a firework while lighting. Wear eye protection.
- ◆ Don't experiment with homemade fireworks.
- ◆ Parents should supervise the ordering and use of mail-order "Make your own" firework kits and components. Mail-order kits and components designed to build banned fireworks are prohibited.

\*Source: Consumer Product Safety Commission

For more information visit:  
<http://www.ci.medford.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=623>

## Fireworks Laws and Safety Information



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