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### Fireworks safety tips from Kingman County

The July 4 holiday is here and local officials want to remind Kingman County residents to stay safe when using fireworks.

A good rule of thumb is to only use fireworks in the same city/county where you purchase them. In other words, what is legal in one locale may not be legal elsewhere. Some cities in Sedgwick County, for example, allow fireworks that are not legal elsewhere in Sedgwick County or in Kingman County.

The National Council on Fireworks Safety (NCFS) reports seeing an increase in injuries among youth that have used fireworks in videos unsafely to impress their friends or to get a laugh. Parents are urged to help put a stop to using fireworks in viral videos by encouraging safety and by explaining that the improper use of fireworks can produce serious injuries or even death.

With proper precautions, everyone can enjoy the July 4 holiday safely, said Kingman County Emergency Manager Fred Simon. He offered these additional fireworks safety tips.

- Always read and follow label instructions.
- Always purchase high quality fireworks from a reliable, legitimate source.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Have a “designated shooter.”
- Never give fireworks to small children.
- Adults should always supervise use of fireworks by older children.
- Always wear eye protection when lighting fireworks.
- Never ignite fireworks indoors. Make sure your outdoor area is safe for firework use.
- Never point or throw fireworks at a person, building, or animal.
- Have a source of water handy, in case of fire (bucket and hose).
- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- Light only one firework at a time.
- Never attempt to re-light malfunctioning fireworks (wait 15-20 minutes, then soak them in a bucket of water).
- When lighting fireworks, never position any part of your body over them.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Never experiment with homemade fireworks. They are dangerous and illegal.
- Bottle rockets and other skyrockets that are mounted on a stick or wire are illegal.
- It is illegal to shoot fireworks on or under a vehicle, on any public roadway, within 50 feet of a firework stand or where fireworks are stored, and gas stations or any place liquid gas – including propane – is stored.

- Parents of young children should remember that sparklers burn at 1,200 degrees and can cause serious burns in an instant of contact, according to the National Fire Protection Association.
- Dispose of fireworks properly after use by soaking them in water and then disposing of them in a trash can.

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