

SAFETY & RESOURCES



Fireworks Safety

Promoting Safe & Responsible use of Consumer Fireworks

With fireworks season at hand, residents are reminded of the deadly dangers posed by fireworks.

Those at the greatest risk of injury are young children under the age of nine. Children often come in contact with devices that are perceived to be less powerful, such as sparklers and bottle rockets. However, all fireworks have the potential for causing damage and injury. Sparklers, for instance, burn at temperatures of above 1,500 degrees - temperatures high enough to melt glass.

The State of Illinois, Division of Fire Prevention, reported the highest number of fireworks-related injuries are caused by sparklers and firecrackers. "Please plan to attend the local firework displays in your community and let the trained professionals handle them," said Joliet Fire Chief Joe Formhals.

Pursuant to the Illinois Fireworks Use Act (425 ILCS 35), any consumer firework distributor,

company, association, group or retailer, must be registered and licensed with the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). In Illinois, it is illegal to possess, purchase, or use consumer fireworks without a consumer display permit obtained from local authorities. Individuals caught with controlled consumer fireworks in Illinois, who lack the necessary consumer display permit, could be subject to arrest.

Please remember that no fireworks are legal in Illinois. There are however, some devices that are considered to be legal including:

- Sparklers (Remember these burn at 1500° F)
- Some small cap guns
- Snake or glow worm pellets
- Some Smoke devices
- Trick noisemakers known as party poppers
- Booby traps
- Snappers
- Trick matches
- Cigarette loads

For more information on fireworks safety, please visit FireworksSafety.org or sfm.illinois.gov.

WHERE TO SEE FIREWORKS

- **SATURDAY, JULY 1** - Bicentennial Park, 201 W. Jefferson, Annual Fireworks show. The following bands will play before the fireworks begin: Outdrejus will be the first band from 5-6 p.m., followed by Junkyard Dogs then Hot Mess will headline. The fireworks will be at 9:30 p.m. and are free to attend. The Park is located on the west side of the DesPlaines River across from downtown Joliet.
- **MONDAY, JULY 3 AND TUESDAY, JULY 4** - Fireworks will be set off after the Joliet Slammers games. The stadium is located at 1 Mayor Art Schultz Dr. Game time is

7:05 p.m. both nights. Fireworks should begin at approximately 10 p.m. each evening. July 3 will have regular ticket prices but on July 4th you can get a ticket to the game/fireworks for only \$2. Go to jolietslammers.com or call the box office at (815) 722-2287 for more information.

- **TUESDAY, JULY 4** - ATI Field at Joliet Memorial Stadium, located at 3000 W. Jefferson St. will be hosting it's 71st annual Fireworks show. The gates will open at 6 p.m. to the public. At 8 p.m. there will be a small program and the lights get turned down at 9:20 p.m. and the fireworks show begins. The show is free to attend.