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FIREWORKS

ALAMOGORDO FIRE DEPARTMENT

It's that time of year again and you've probably noticed local retailers selling fireworks for the upcoming 4th of July celebration. By City Ordinance, not all of the fireworks that are sold within the County are legal for use within the City limits of Alamogordo. "Aerial devices" – fireworks that travel more than ten feet into the air – and "ground audible devices" that produce an explosion louder than a paper cap pistol are prohibited within the City limits. City Ordinance 12-04-020 makes it illegal to sell, possess, transport or discharge these types of fireworks within the City. The following are examples of aerial devices that are prohibited which include sky rockets, bottle rockets, helicopters, spinners, roman candles, mines and shells. The most common ground audible devices are firecrackers.

Setting off fireworks within the City limits is prohibited except from June 20 to July 8, December 28 to January 3, May 2 to 7 and three days preceding and including the Chinese New Year and the two days following that date.

The following safety tips come from the US Consumer Product Safety Commission's

- Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks
- Read and follow all warnings and instructions on the package
- Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks
- Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from houses, dry leaves or other flammable materials
- Never try to relight fireworks that have not fully functioned
- Keep a bucket of water available in case of a malfunction or fire

The safest way of course to enjoy fireworks on the 4th is to observe the program at the New Mexico Museum of Space History. The show begins around 9PM and should be one of the largest fireworks displays ever seen in the City.

REMEMBER OUR GOAL IS TO STAY FIRE SAFE AND ALWAYS FIRE SMART