

## California State Fire Marshal Information Bulletin

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## SAFETY TIPS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

This 4<sup>th</sup> of July, CAL FIRE's Office of the State Fire Marshal has the following tips:

- Buy only State Fire Marshal-approved (Safe and Sane) fireworks. They must have the State Fire Marshal's seal on them and can only be purchased at licensed fireworks stands
- Always read directions.
- Always have an adult present.
- Use fireworks outdoors only.
- Never use near dry grass or other flammable materials.
- Light one at a time.
- Use common sense and keep a safe distance.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Never experiment with fireworks.
- Have a bucket of water and a hose handy.
- Never attempt to re-light or "fix" fireworks.
- Do not wear loose fitting clothing.
- Never carry fireworks in your pockets.
- Fireworks are not toys
- Parents are liable for any damage or injuries caused by their children using fireworks.

For other fireworks-related information, please log on to our website at:

http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/strucfireengineer/strucfireengineer\_fireworks.php

For information regarding this bulletin, please contact Deputy State Fire Marshal Tony Guevara, Fireworks Program Coordinator at (916) 327-8278 or by email at: tony.guevara@fire.ca.gov

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