



# Celebrate Safely Campaign Kit

## Fireworks Safety Campaign

### FOR TEENAGERS . . .

“Let’s Talk About Fireworks and Safety”

#### **Minimizing Fireworks Risk through Accountability and Responsibility:**

Each year there are nearly 1,000 emergency incidents in Washington associated with fireworks. Fireworks-related fires cause millions of dollars in damages.

#### **You Will be Held Accountable:**

Remember, there are legal consequences for any injuries or damages caused by the irresponsible use of fireworks or the use of illegal explosive devices. These consequences range from being charged with an infraction, a misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, and/or felony. This does not include any civil or monetary penalties or claims.

For example, possession of illegal explosive devices—such as a firework that has been tampered with or altered—is a gross misdemeanor offense and carries a penalty of up to one year in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000.

#### **Take Responsibility:**

- M80’s, M100’s, or M1000’s are illegal explosive devices. They are NOT fireworks. They can cause amputations and other severe life-changing injuries. They are federally illegal and their use or possession has legal consequences.
- Know the fireworks laws for your area. Laws restricting or banning the use of fireworks in cities and counties are listed on the fireworks web site.
- Don’t overestimate your ability: Tampering with fireworks is dangerous and illegal. Fireworks that are tampered with are illegal explosive devices.
- Attend a Public Display—It’s a great way to enjoy fireworks. There are over 100 fireworks public displays in Washington State in observance of Independence Day.



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