

### What Consumer Fireworks are Legal?

- See middle page of this brochure titled "Oregon Legal Consumer Fireworks"

### What Fireworks/Explosives are ILLEGAL?

- See right page of this brochure titled "Oregon ILLEGAL Fireworks" and "Oregon ILLEGAL explosives"

### Where are the Use of Fireworks Legal?

- Within the city limits of Medford except in the illegal locations listed below.

### Where are the Use of Fireworks ILLEGAL?

- Within the Bear Creek Greenway
- Within the wildfire hazard areas-currently city limit areas East of Foothill Road-North Phoenix Road and North of Cherry Lane
- Within any City Park
- Within any Public School

### If My Use of Fireworks Causes Damage, What May I Be Held Liable For?

- Property damage claims
- Reimbursement of suppression costs
- Negligence claims
- Fines and penalties for ILLEGAL use

### When are Fireworks ILLEGAL to Use?

- During fire season except when the sale of fireworks is permitted in the State of Oregon pursuant to ORS 480.127 (June 23-July 6)

### Is it ILLEGAL to Sell Fireworks within the Medford City Limits?

- Yes

### Where Is it Legal to Sell Fireworks?

- Outside the Medford city limits or within the urban growth boundary by PERMIT only

### Is it ILLEGAL to Store Fireworks within the Medford City Limits?

- Yes

### Is it ILLEGAL to Manufacture Fireworks within the Medford City Limits?

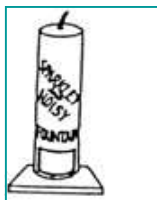
- Yes

### Oregon Legal Consumer Fireworks (1.4G)

Consumer Fireworks that:

- **do not** explode
- **do not** fly into the air
- **do not** travel more than 6 feet horizontally
- **do not** travel more than 12 inches vertically from the point of ignition.

#### Examples:



Base Fountain



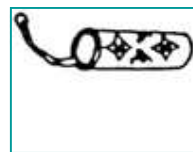
Sparkler



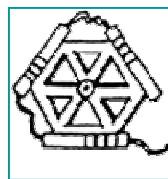
Cone Fountain  
(wood core)



Handheld Fountain



Ground Bloom



Wheel



Handheld California  
Candle Fountain

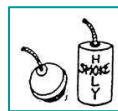
### Oregon Legal Unclassified



Sparkler  
(metal core)



Party  
Popper



Smoke  
Bomb



Snake

### Oregon ILLEGAL Fireworks (1.3G)\*

Fireworks that:

- explode
- fly into the air
- travel more than 6 feet horizontally
- travel more than 12 inches vertically from the point of ignition.

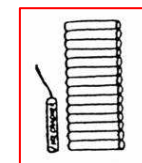
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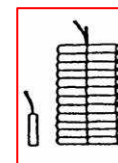
Aerial Spinners  
Bees, Helicopters



Crazy Jack  
Jumping Jack



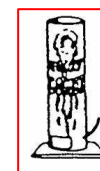
Firecracker (regular)



Firecracker (small)



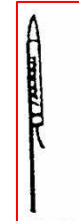
Bottle Rocket



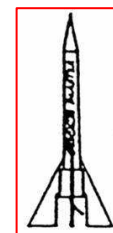
Mortar



Roman Candle  
(shoots balls)



Sky Rocket  
(with stick)



Missile Rocket

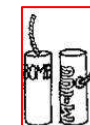
### Oregon ILLEGAL Explosives



Ash Can  
M80



Cherry Bomb  
Red



Silver Salute  
M100

\* Allowed for permitted public displays or permitted limited displays

## Fireworks Related Injuries-Facts (CDC)

In 2006, eleven people died and an estimated 9,200 were treated in emergency departments for fireworks-related injuries in the United States.<sup>1</sup>

- ◆ An estimated 5% of fireworks-related injuries treated in emergency departments required hospitalization.<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ More than two-thirds of all fireworks-related injuries in 2006 occurred between June 16 and July 16. During that time period:
  - one out of every three people injured were children under 15 years of age;
  - about three times as many males were injured as females; and
  - young people under twenty sustained nearly half (47%) of all injuries from fireworks.<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ People actively participating in fireworks-related activities are more frequently and severely injured than bystanders.<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Between June 16 and July 16, 2006:
  - The body parts most often injured were hands (2,300 injuries), eyes (1,500 injuries), and the head, face, and ear (1,400 injuries).<sup>1</sup>
  - More than half of the injuries were burns. Burns were the most common injury to all body parts except the eyes and head areas, where contusions, lacerations and foreign bodies in the eye occurred more frequently.<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ Fireworks can be associated with blindness, third degree burns, and permanent scarring.<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Fireworks can also cause life-threatening residential and motor vehicle fires.<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ Between June 16 and July 16, 2006:
  - Firecrackers were associated with the greatest number of estimated injuries at 1,300. There were 1,000 injuries associated with sparklers and 800 associated with rockets.<sup>1</sup>
  - Sparklers accounted for one-third of the injuries to children less than 5 years of age.<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ Between 2000-2005, more than one-third of the fireworks-related deaths involved professional devices that were illegally sold to consumers.<sup>3</sup>

## Fireworks Safety (CPSC)\*

- ◆ Do not allow young children to play with fireworks under any circumstances. Sparklers, considered by many the ideal "safe" firework for the young, burn at very high temperatures and can easily ignite clothing. Children cannot understand the danger involved and cannot act appropriately in case of emergency.
- ◆ Older children should only be permitted to use fireworks under close adult supervision. Do not allow any running or horseplay.
- ◆ Light fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from houses, dry leaves or grass and flammable materials.
- ◆ Keep a bucket of water nearby for emergencies and for pouring on fireworks that don't go off.
- ◆ Do not try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Douse and soak them with water and throw them away.
- ◆ Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
- ◆ Never ignite fireworks in a container, especially a glass or metal container.
- ◆ Keep unused fireworks away from firing areas.
- ◆ Store fireworks in a dry, cool place. Check instructions for special storage directions.
- ◆ Observe local laws.
- ◆ Never have any portion of your body directly over a firework while lighting.
- ◆ Don't experiment with homemade fireworks.
- ◆ **PARENTS SHOULD SUPERVISE THE ORDERING AND USE OF MAIL-ORDER "MAKE YOUR OWN" FIREWORK KITS AND COMPONENTS. MAIL-ORDER KITS AND COMPONENTS DESIGNED TO BUILD BANNED FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED.**

\*Source: Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC)

For more information, contact the Medford Fire Department Prevention Bureau or visit:  
[www.medfordfirerescue.org](http://www.medfordfirerescue.org)

## Fireworks Laws and Safety Information



Sparkler 1800-3000° F



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