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July 4th

Celebrate legally and safely!

Port Orchard, Wash. -- The Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with county fire agencies, strive to insure that Independence Day celebrations are conducted with an emphasis on safety and adherence to local regulations and state law concerning the handling and discharge of fireworks.

For 2007 sheriff's deputies will enforce state law in the unincorporated areas of the county with regard to the discharge of **legal** fireworks. Kitsap County Code 10.48.0101, signed by the Board of County Commissioners this past February, will not take effect until February 2008.

The discharge of illegal fireworks in unincorporated areas of the county is prohibited.

Fireworks discharge

Legal consumer fireworks may be used in the unincorporated areas of Kitsap County during the following days and times:

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| ■ Thursday, June 28: | 12:00 noon - 11:00 p.m. |
| ■ Friday, June 29 thru Tuesday, July 3: | 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. |
| ■ Wednesday, July 4: | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 midnight. |
| ■ Thursday, July 5: | 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. |

Legal consumer fireworks

- Sparkler
- Cylindrical fountain
- Cone fountain
- Illuminating torch
- Wheel
- Ground spinner
- Flitter sparkler
- Mine / shell
- Helicopter aerial spinner
- Roman candle
- Smoke device
- Combination items

Fireworks legal only on tribal land

- Firecrackers
- Bottle rockets
- Sky rockets / missile type rockets

These are legal to possess and discharge on tribal lands. These items are illegal in Washington State and become illegal fireworks to possess off of tribal lands.

Illegal explosives

- Dynamite
 - M 80s
 - M100s
 - Cherry bombs
- The above are considered illegal explosives.
 - Tennis balls, pipe bombs, “special” or homemade fireworks, or any legal fireworks that have been modified from their original manufacturer’s configuration are considered improvised explosive devices.
 - Illegal explosives and improvised explosive devices are prohibited by law. Possession of these explosives or devices is a felony.

Enforcement

Sheriff’s deputies will respond and investigate when there is an immediate threat to public safety. They will monitor all informational broadcast reports concerning noise complaints about the discharge of fireworks.

Situations involving illegal explosives or improvised explosive devices will be investigated; the explosives will be handled in accordance with appropriate safety protocols, operations procedures and regulations.

RCW 70.77.485: Unlawful possession of fireworks. Misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor, depending on the weight of the fireworks (exclusive of packaging).

RCW 70.77.488: Unlawful discharge or use of fireworks. Gross misdemeanor.

RCW 70.74.022: Possession, use, manufacture, transport, store, etc., of illegal explosives, components or improvised explosive devices. Felony.

Celebrate safely with the “Three B’s”

Independence Day is a time to celebrate our freedom. With this freedom comes a shared responsibility to ensure the safe use of *legal* fireworks.

Every year fireworks injure people and cause vegetation and structure fires.

Before lighting fireworks -- *Be Prepared!*

Purchase only legal fireworks, available at licensed stands. Purchase only the quantity that you will use. Ensure the safety of pets. Keep a bucket of water nearby in which to place all used fireworks. Have a water hose or fire extinguisher nearby to put out stray sparks. Clear a level area away from things that can burn. Have a basic first aid kit nearby and a cordless or mobile / cellular telephone in case emergency assistance is required. Children should know how to “stop, drop and roll” if their clothing catches on fire.

When lighting fireworks -- *Be Safe!*

Only adults should light fireworks. Use eye protection, wear safety goggles. Light one at a time and move away quickly. Keep spectators at a safe distance. Use fireworks only outside. To prevent injuries, follow the directions on the label carefully.

Be considerate of your neighbors, family pets and your environment.

When finished -- *Be Responsible!*

Clean up all debris when finished. Duds can be dangerous; if a firework item does not light or fire, an adult should wait five minutes, approach it carefully and place it in a bucket of water. Make sure that used fireworks, matches and lighters are out of sight and reach of children.

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