



HUMBOLDT - DEL NORTE UNIT

NEWS RELEASE

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CAL FIRE Urges Safety as the Fourth of July Holiday Approaches. Don't Spark a Wildfire this Fourth of July!

Fortuna – With the 4th of July just a few days away, it is important to consider the dangers of fireworks. CAL FIRE Humboldt – Del Norte Unit Chief Kurt McCray would like to remind everyone that very hot and dry weather will increase the risk of wildfire this week and to use extra caution during outdoor activities.

Every year fires are caused by illegal and unsafe use of legal fireworks. This puts members of the public, first responders, and property at risk. Those responsible for starting a fire due to illegal use of fireworks can be held financially and criminally responsible. Possession of illegal fireworks could lead to fines and jail time. Some illegal fireworks are considered a destructive device, and possession constitutes a felony.

The use and sale of Safe and Sane fireworks is decided by local governments. Permitted Safe and Sane fireworks will bear a seal from the Office of the State Marshal. Be sure to check for specific restrictions in your area and take all precautions when using Safe and Sane fireworks if they are permitted.

Fireworks Safety Tips:

- Use only State Fire Marshal approved fireworks
- Local ordinances should be verified before purchasing and/or using fireworks
- Always read directions
- Always have an adult present
- Only use fireworks outdoors
- Never use fireworks near dry grass or other flammable materials
- Light one firework at a time
- Have a bucket of water and a hose nearby

CAL FIRE encourages celebrating by viewing a professionally licensed fire work show. For those using their own fireworks, we urge only the use of Safe and Sane fireworks in a manner that provides for the best safety of persons and minimizes the risk of fire.

For more information about being prepared for Wildfire

visit: [ReadyForWildfire.org](https://www.readyforwildfire.org)