



## *Fire Department*

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### **CONSUMER FIREWORKS SAFETY**

- Buy your fireworks from a legitimate retailer
- Never buy fireworks that are unlabeled. Federal law requires all consumer fireworks to have the name and address of the manufacturer, as well as cautionary information
- Never alter fireworks
- Read through and understand all cautionary information provided on all types of fireworks prior to lighting
- Select an appropriate area for your fireworks display. As a general guideline, aerial fireworks should be a minimum of 40' from any people or structures. Ground based fireworks, such as fountains, should be a minimum of 20' from any people or structures
- Select a level area that is clear of trees and dry brush. Place your fireworks on a hard surface, such as a paved driveway. Some retailers offer boards designed specifically to shoot fireworks from
- Have a bucket of water and a garden hose readily accessible in the event of a dud firework or hot embers on the ground
- Prior to shooting fireworks, inform your neighbors that you will be using fireworks. Also, appoint a designated shooter. The designated shooter needs to be an adult and not under the influence of alcohol or any other medications. The shooter must remain sober while shooting fireworks. **NEVER ALLOW CHILDREN TO SHOOT FIREWORKS!**
- The designated shooter should wear proper safety glasses while lighting fireworks
- Safety lighters, such as those used to light grills, are ideal for lighting fireworks
- When lighting fireworks, never light more than one at a time.
- **NEVER STAND OVER A FIREWORK**
- Do NOT attempt to re-light a dud. Let a dud firework cool for 10-15 minutes before handling. Stay clear of the area. Once the firework has cooled, douse it with water before placing in the trash
- Keep your used and/or dud fireworks separate from regular trash. Keep your trash away from buildings and combustible/flammable materials
- **NEVER POINT OR THROW A FIREWORK AT SOMEBODY! DO NOT CARRY FIREWORKS IN YOUR POCKET!** Finally, never shoot fireworks into metal or glass containers.

**The Cadillac Fire Department wishes you and your family a safe and fun Fourth of July!**