

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 then 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!