



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY FIREWORKS FACT SHEET 2025



Know the Law:

Even if fireworks are legal in your area, they pose a huge risk to life and property. Know the risks, know the law, and practice firework safety.

- Safe and Sane fireworks are legal in: Anaheim, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Los Alamitos, Orange, Santa Ana, Stanton, Villa Park, and Westminster. In all other Orange County cities, *all* fireworks are illegal.
- Fireworks are prohibited in:
 - State and County Parks
 - County Harbors
 - State, County, and City Beaches
 - Unincorporated Orange County
 - The Cleveland National Forest
- Possession of illegal fireworks may result in a fine of up to \$50,000, and up to one year of prison time. (Cal OES, 2020)
- If you start a fire (even accidentally) from fireworks, you will be held liable for the fire suppression and property damage costs. (CAL FIRE, 2020)
- Parents are liable for any damage or injuries caused by their children using fireworks. (CA FIRE, 2019)

In Orange County, fireworks pose a severe fire risk, as well as a health and safety risk to kids and adults:

- Fireworks start an average of 18,000 fires, including 1,300 structure fires, and 300 vehicle fires. (American Red Cross, 2023)
- 59% of fires started by fireworks turned into vegetation fires. (NFPA, 2020)
- Hand-held sparklers burn at 1200 degrees. Wood and vegetation ignite at 356 degrees. (FEMA, 2020)

Risk of Death / Injury:

- In 2023, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 9,700 people for fireworks-related injuries. (CPSC, 2024)
- Children younger than 15 years of age accounted for 28 percent of the estimated 2022 fireworks-related injuries. (CPSC, 2022)
- Burns accounted for 42 percent of the emergency department fireworks-related injuries in 2023. (CPSC, 2024)
- Teenagers aged 15 to 19 had the highest estimated rate of emergency department-treated fireworks-related injuries in 2023. (CPSC, 2024)
- An estimated 700 emergency department-treated injuries in 2023 were due to sparklers. (CPSC, 2024)

Leave fireworks to the professionals. Many Orange County cities and communities hold professional fireworks displays on the 4th of July.



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