



FIREWORKS SAFETY



LABELS FOR LEGAL AND ILLEGAL FIREWORKS

In the past, identifying legal and illegal fireworks was fairly simple. The rule of thumb was: If the firework had a label with "Warning..." the firework was illegal. If the firework had a label with "Caution..." it was legal. This isn't always the case anymore, so reading the label to see what the firework does is how to determine if it's legal or not. If in doubt, call us!

Examples of Illegal Fireworks

Labels

WARNING
SHOOTS FLAMING BALLS WITH REPORT

WARNING
FLAMMABLE WITH REPORT SHOOTS WHISTLE IN AIR

WARNING
FLAMMABLE ROCKET WITH REPORT

Examples of Legal Fireworks

Labels

CAUTION
EMITS SHOWERS OF SPARKS
USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR

WARNING
FLAMMABLE
USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY.

BE RESPONSIBLE:

- SOAK USED FIREWORKS IN A BUCKET OF WATER
- CLEAN UP DEBRIS FROM FIREWORKS
- NEVER ATTEMPT TO RE-LIGHT A FIREWORK THAT DID NOT GO OFF WAIT 15-20 MINUTES IF A FIREWORK DID NOT GO OFF THEN SOAK IN A BUCKET OF WATER

BE PREPARED:

- STORE FIREWORKS OUT OF CHILDREN'S REACH
- ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW LABEL DIRECTIONS
- ALWAYS HAVE GARDEN HOSE OR BUCKETS OF WATER IN THE AREA OF WHERE FIREWORKS ARE BEING USED
- PLACE PETS INDOORS SINCE THE LIGHT AND SOUNDS FRIGHTEN THEM

BE SAFE:

- ONLY ADULTS SHALL LIGHT FIREWORKS
- KEEP IGNITION SOURCES AWAY FROM CHILDREN
- USE FIREWORKS ONLY OUTDOORS
- LIGHT ONLY ONE FIREWORK AT A TIME & MOVE QUICKLY AWAY FROM THE FIREWORK
- KEEP CHILDREN AND PETS AWAY FROM FIREWORKS
- NEVER LIGHT FIREWORKS IN YOUR HAND
- EVER THROW FIREWORKS

Only purchase fireworks from approved retail sites in Maryland

CONTACT THE MARYLAND STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE AT **1-800-525-3124** OR VISIT <http://www.mdsp.org/firemarshal>