

HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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With the Fourth of July Holiday upon us, the Harlingen Police Department would like to remind everyone that the **PRESENCE OF ANY FIREWORKS INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS IS PROHIBITED**, except as allowed in [section 20-24](#) (City Ordinance). Any fireworks in violation of the ordinance are subject to confiscation by law enforcement and fire department officials.

Listed are some recommended safety tips when using fireworks:

- **Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks.**
- Know your fireworks; read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting.
- A responsible adult SHOULD supervise all firework activities. Never give fireworks to children.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Save your alcohol for after the show.
- Wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks. Light one firework at a time and then quickly move away.
- Use fireworks OUTDOORS in a clear area; away from buildings and vehicles.
- Always have a bucket of water and charged water hose nearby.
- Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.
- Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and place in a metal trash can away from any building or combustible materials until the next day.
- Report illegal explosives, like M-80s and quarter sticks, to the fire or police department.

And let's not forget the safety of our pets!

- Don't bring your pets to a fireworks display, even a small one.
- If fireworks are being used near your home, put your pet in a safe, interior room to avoid exposure to the sound. Make sure your pet has an identification tag, in case it runs off during a fireworks display.
- Never shoot fireworks of any kind (consumer fireworks, sparklers, fountains, etc.) near pets.



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