



## The City of Morro Bay

### “Safe and Sane” Fireworks Safety and Tips

#### How do you safely celebrate with legal fireworks in Morro Bay?

##### ***Safety Tips***



- Celebrate our Independence holiday at our free citywide firework show at Tideland Park.
- Follow our local Morro Bay Municipal Code 14.08.090 and use only California State Fire Marshal “safe and sane” fireworks on private property.
- Use only State Fire Marshal - Approved fireworks.
- Use good common sense and always read and follow the directions on each firework before using it.
- Have a responsible adult present whenever fireworks are used.
- Never point or throw fireworks at anyone.
- Only use fireworks outdoors away from homes, dry grass or trees. Never use fireworks in an enclosed area.
- Light only one item at a time and keep a safe distance.
- Never experiment with, or alter a firework.
- Never carry fireworks in your pockets.
- Put used fireworks in a bucket of water and have a garden hose nearby to extinguish flames if necessary.
- If you have any doubts, check with the Morro Bay Fire Department at 805.772.6242.

## **What is an illegal firework?**

A good rule of thumb is if it goes up in the air, darts across the ground or explodes, it's dangerous and illegal.

Some examples include:

- Cherry Bombs
- M-80's and M-100's
- Firecrackers
- Bottle Rockets
- Roman Candles
- Aerial Shells and Mortars



- Every year dangerous and illegal items such as cherry bombs, M-80's and firecrackers cause numerous injuries to adults and children. Items such as bottle rockets cause thousands of dollars in property damage.
- Parents may be held liable for any damages or injuries caused by their children's use of illegal fireworks.
- Possession and/or use of illegal fireworks is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment in the local jail for up to one year or both.
- Possession of illegal fireworks that collectively contain in excess of 7,500 grains of power (approximately 1 pound) is a felony punishable by imprisonment in a state prison or local jail for up to one year and/or a fine not to exceed \$5,000, or both.
- The Morro Bay Police and Fire Department will be out looking for illegal fireworks.
- Always remember, if in doubt, call your local fire department.

## **What if you or someone you know has illegal fireworks?**

- Contact the Morro Bay Fire Department at 805.772.6242 for disposal assistance.

