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## **News Release**

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List of Great Fireworks Shows in Los Angeles County that are "Safe and Sane."

(Click on the hyperlinks below:)

Fireworks Shows in Los Angeles County to Celebrate Independence Day, 4th of July & other dates:

- (1.) Fireworks Shows in Los Angeles County
- (2.) Fireworks-Related Injuries and Fires
- (3.) Related Public Safety Websites

Fireworks Shows in LA County (or call (888) 654-FIRE) http://www.safejuly4th.org/fwshows.htm

Safe 4th of July Website http://www.safejuly4th.org/

Fireworks Injuries http://www.safejuly4th.org/fwstats.htm

Related Public Safety Websites http://www.safejuly4th.org/othersites.htm

New CPSC Data Shows 60% of All Fireworks Injuries Occur Around July 4th; Firecrackers, Aerials, Homemade Explosives Cause Most Deaths, Injuries (Consumer Product Safety Commission)

http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Newsroom/News-Releases/2013/New-CPSC-Fireworks-Injury-Data/

CPSC Science: Fireworks Injuries 2013 Update

http://www.cpsc.gov/onsafety/2013/06/cpsc-science-fireworks-injuries-2013-update/

In 2012 just prior to Independence Day, 4th of July, the #LASD seized 20,000+ pounds of illegal Fireworks and made several arrests. Click on this hyperlink:

http://sheriff.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/lasd/!ut/p/c4/04\_SB8K8xLLM9MSSzPy8xBz9CP0os3hLAwM Dd3-

nYCN3M19LA0\_nEDPvMJMAQ39jA\_2CbEdFAFVdgp4!/?current=true&urile=wcm:path:/lasd+content/lasd+site/home/home+top+stories/unsafe+illegal+fireworks+seized+in+east+la.

Members of the public are reminded about the seriousness of possessing illegal fireworks and are encouraged to report such activity to their local law enforcement agency. If you have any information about illegal fireworks, or any crime, please contact your local Sheriff's Station. Or, if you wish to remain anonymous, call "Crime Stoppers" by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637), or using the website http://lacrimestoppers.org

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

Note from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department: Fireworks are dangerous and illegal throughout most of the County of Los Angeles. Please celebrate and enjoy Independence Day by going to a safely organized fireworks event.

From the Los Angeles County Fire Department and Los Angeles City Fire Department:

4th of July Safety Tips Independence Day

NOTE TO PARENTS: The sale and use of Safe and Sane fireworks in your community may be prohibited by local ordinance (check with your local fire department).

NOTE TO PARENTS: If your child has any fireworks prior to June 28th, the items are probably illegal and dangerous and should be turned over to your fire department or local police agency!

It is against the law to use, possess, store or sell "illegal fireworks". State law provides for a fine of

at least \$500 and/or a year in jail upon conviction for violating fireworks laws. Some violations are a felony! Fireworks cause many burns, injuries and fires. Violators can be held responsible for damages, as well as having to pay a fine and/or go to jail.

Parents are liable for any damage or injuries caused by their children using fireworks. Look for the "Safe and Sane" seal on all fireworks like the one pictured here http://fire.lacounty.gov/PressRoom/PDFs/fw english.pdf

ILLEGAL FIREWORKS: Any item that explodes, rises in the air or moves about the ground or any fireworks which is not approved and labeled "Safe and Sane" by the State Fire Marshal, is illegal in California. The following are examples of illegal fireworks and should not be used:

Sky Rockets
Bottle Rockets
Roman Candles
Sky Rockets/ Mortars
M-100 M-80
Cherry Bombs Palomitas
Fire Crackers Helicopters

The Los Angeles County Fire Department suggests that you visit one of the many professional fireworks shows in your area and always use caution when using "Safe and Sane" fireworks at home. (If you are in one of the few communities where they are legal)

WHEN USING "Safe and Sane" FIREWORKS REMEMBER;

- Always read directions and use common sense
- Have an adult present
- Use outdoors only away from buildings, vehicles, dry grass and other flammable objects
- Light one at a time, then move away guickly
- Keep others at a safe distance
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person
- Never alter or take apart
- Do not give to young children under any circumstances
- Have a bucket of water handy for emergencies and for dousing misfired and spent fireworks
- Never attempt to re-light or fix malfunctioning fireworks

For more information visit the web site of the Los Angeles County Fire Department at http://www.fire.lacounty.gov

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