

Leave Fireworks to the Professionals!

Why take a chance with fireworks?

Fireworks can cause injuries to fingers, hands, face and ears, as well as burn & eye injuries. Fireworks can also start fires resulting in people losing their homes and property, and needlessly frighten our small children & pets. The sound of fireworks can also adversely impact our older folks, retired military, neighborhoods affected by gun violence, and our urban wildlife.

Fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts.

All fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts for private residents. Massachusetts law prohibits the possession, use, and sale of fireworks by unlicensed individuals, even if you buy them legally in another state. Leave fireworks to the professionals.

Fireworks and sparklers are not safe, especially around children. Sparklers burn at temperatures of over 1,800° Fahrenheit. Children suffer some of the most severe burn injuries caused by sparklers.

There have been 979 fires and explosions involving illegal fireworks in Massachusetts in the past 10 years. These incidents caused dozens of injuries to firefighters and civilians, along with millions of dollars in damages.

The week of the July 4th is a very busy time for our public safety departments.

Cambridge Firefighters, Police Officers, and Emergency Medical Staff urge everyone to leave fireworks to the professionals. Help us to prevent injuries and devastating fires. Help to protect the people of our city.

If you have any information on fireworks or wish to report fireworks activity, please call **Cambridge Emergency Communications at 617-349-3300.**

Fireworks Laws in Massachusetts

It is illegal for private citizens to use, possess or sell fireworks in Massachusetts, or to purchase them legally elsewhere (e.g. NH) and then transport them into the state. The law prohibits any article designed to produce a visible or audible effect. MGL Chapter 148, S. 39



Fireworks can be traumatic

- / Victims impacted by gun violence
- / Neighborhoods impacted by gun violence
- / Elderly
- / Retired military
- / Pets
- / Wildlife

Fines for sale, use and possession



The statute says an Officer shall seize any fireworks, and may arrest for the sale of fireworks.

According to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission:

Fireworks-related deaths and injuries increased by 50 percent from 2019 to 2020, putting more than 15,000 people in the emergency room; 18 were killed.

