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4th of July - Fireworks

The 2007 retail sales period for the sale of fireworks will begin on June 23rd and will run through July 6th, 2007. Klamath County Fire District No. 1 urges the public to **ONLY** purchase fireworks from a local retailer. All of the local retailers have obtained permits from the State Fire Marshal and have been inspected by Fire District No. 1 personnel or a State Deputy Fire Marshal to assure that they are only selling fireworks that are legal in the State of Oregon.

Protect Your Family From Fireworks Related Fires and Injuries.

Practice the 3 BE'S;

BE PREPARED *before lighting fireworks*

- Use legal fireworks purchased from licensed local outlets
- Always read and follow label directions

BE SAFE *when lighting fireworks*

- An adult should always light fireworks – keep matches and lighters away from children
- **ONLY** use fireworks outdoors, away from buildings and dry vegetation

BE RESPONSIBLE *after lighting fireworks*

- Soak used fireworks thoroughly in a bucket of water
- Never re-light a “dud” firework (wait 15 – 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water)

Parents should be aware that they may be responsible to reimburse the Fire Department for up to \$5,000 in costs to suppress a fire that is caused by fireworks used by a minor child. They may also be held liable for fire damage to adjacent property.

Illegal fireworks may be confiscated by fire and law enforcement personnel. Illegal fireworks include roman candles, bottle rockets, firecrackers, aerial spinners and other fireworks that cannot be purchased from a local retailer. The possession of illegal fireworks is a crime that is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

To report the use of illegal fireworks please call your local fire department, law enforcement agency or 9-1-1.

If you have questions, please contact Klamath County Fire District No. 1 at 541-885-2056.