



Honolulu Fire Department provided the following safety tips for New Year's "legal" fireworks use:

- >> Use only approved firecrackers from a licensed retail outlet that posts its retail license.
- >> Always read and follow warnings and instructions listed by the manufacturer to ensure the safe handling and use of firecrackers.
- >> Never point or throw firecrackers at a person, building or animal.
- >> Never ignite firecrackers indoors.
- >> Never ignite firecrackers in metal or glass containers.
- >> Firecrackers should be lit only on a smooth, flat surface away from buildings, dry vegetation and flammable materials. Do not string firecrackers on utility poles.
- >> Keep ladders, poles or tie lines that are used to set up firecrackers at least 10 feet away from power lines.
- >> Have a garden hose or bucket of water ready in the event of a fire.
- >> Firecrackers must not be used by people under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- >> Always wear eye protection when lighting firecrackers.
- >> When lighting firecrackers, never position any part of your body over them.
- >> Never attempt to reignite malfunctioning firecrackers.
- >> Store firecrackers in a cool, dry place.
- >> Never carry firecrackers in your pocket.
- >> Never experiment with homemade firecrackers, as they are dangerous and illegal.



PROMOTING SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS

## Recommended Safety Tips

- 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.
- Never relight a “dud” firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Always have a bucket of water and charged water hose nearby.
- Never carry fireworks in your **POCKET** or shoot them into **METAL** or **GLASS** containers.
- 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.
- FAA regulations **PROHIBIT** the possession and transportation of fireworks in your checked baggage or carry-on luggage.
- 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.