

PRESS RELEASE

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SAFE AND SANE FOURTH OF JULY

POST FALLS, ID - The Post Falls Police Department would like to wish everyone a safe and sane 4th of July week for 2018. As the holiday week rapidly approaches, we want to take this time to remind everyone about the potential hazards surrounding fireworks and their use. In Post Falls and the surrounding area, there are many different brands of fireworks. There are also a multitude of locations within Kootenai County where fireworks can be purchased. The only fireworks legal to possess or use within the City of Post Falls are those marked Safe and Sane.

Post Falls is very specific in the types of fireworks that are unlawful to possess or use. Those that are unlawful are firecrackers, cannon crackers, giant crackers, salutes, silver tube salutes, cherry bombs, mines, ground bombardment, grasshoppers and other explosive articles of similar nature. Other items or fireworks that are unlawful are skyrockets and rockets, including all similar devices containing any combustible or explosive material and which rise in the air during discharge; roman candles, including all devices which discharge balls of fire into the air; chasers and whistles, including all devices which dart and travel about the surface of the ground during discharge.

This also includes snakes and hats containing bichloride of mercury, sparklers more than ten inches (10") in length or one-quarter inch (1/4") in diameter or made with other than iron wires; all articles for pyrotechnic display such as aerial shells, salutes, flash shells, sky battles, parachute shells, mines, dago bombs and similar devices; all torpedoes which explode by means of friction, or which contain arsenic; and all other similar fireworks devices including cracker balls. Fire balloons or balloons of any type which have burning material of any kind attached thereto are also unlawful to possess.

All of these unlawful items are listed for your convenience as we encourage everyone to make the proper choice in the items they choose to purchase and/or use. We also want to take the opportunity to inform you that all fireworks are only lawful when they are used on your private property. It is unlawful for anyone to ignite any fireworks of any kind on public areas such as parks, playgrounds trails, public rights of way and streets, curbs and sidewalks, parking lots, alleys and the grounds of all public buildings and schools. Remember that all retail lots such as shopping centers or stores are public places and fireworks are prohibited on their property as well.

This year we've had a long spring and the moisture we received has caused an over abundance of weeds and grass. In some areas the tall grasses and weeds are beginning to dry out. They may look green on top, however underneath there are dry areas that will burn very rapidly. This is another reason for making sure you have the proper fireworks and using them in the proper areas. Should you decide to dig fire pits in your yards, make sure those as well as your barbeques are far enough away from the houses and there are no opportunities for the heat or fire to cause any damage to the structure. If you are using fireworks around children, please make sure you secure all matches and lighters when you complete your celebration.

Should you need to contact any of the law enforcement agencies in your respective areas, we have listed the following telephone numbers for your convenience.

Post Falls Police (208) 773-3517

Coeur d'Alene Police (208) 769-2320

Kootenai County Sheriff (208) 446-1300

Idaho State Police (208) 209-8620

Spokane County Sheriff (509) 456-2233

Should you need to contact our local fire department, Kootenai County Fire & Rescue can be contacted at (208) 777-8500.

Have a safe 4th of July!

For more information please contact the Post Falls Police Department at (208) 773-3517 or visit us online at www.postfallspolice.com

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