

Fireworks in the District of Kitimat

Enjoy family fireworks but **safety first!**

In the interest of community and personal safety, here are 10 things to remember...

1. You can **purchase** fireworks only on the dates of **Dec.24 – Dec.31**
June 22 – July1
Oct.24 – Oct.31
2. You can **discharge** fireworks only on the dates of **Dec.31 – 2am Jan.1**
July 1
Oct.31
3. Be familiar with your fireworks before starting the display by carefully reading all instructions.
4. Appoint a responsible adult to be in charge.
5. Control your audience.
6. Have a bucket of water available.
7. Wear ear and eye protection.
8. Keep explosives away from all flammable materials, overhead wires, trees, children, and pets.
9. Avoid illegal explosives and do not improvise your own fireworks.
10. Clean up your fireworks carefully after the show as per the manufacturer's directions.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

For Fire, Police, and Ambulance
EMERGENCY - DIAL 911

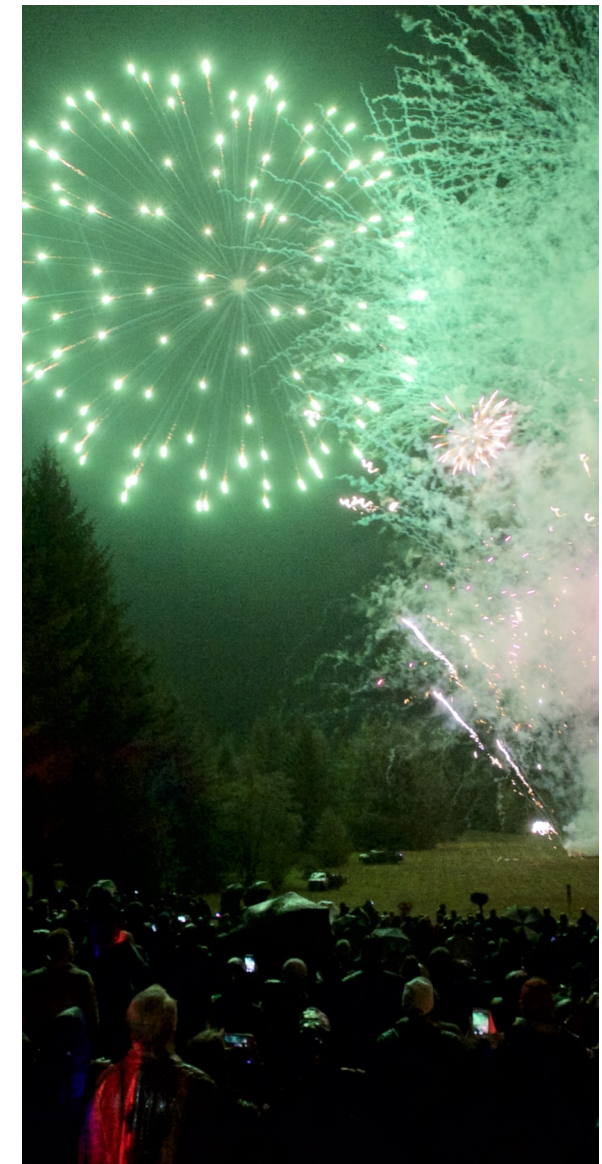
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**DISTRICT OF
KITIMAT
FIREWORKS**



FIREWORKS DISPLAY

- ◆ Read the directions on each device before using. Study the guidelines.
- ◆ Choose a fireworks operator. Only adults (18 years or over) should handle the fireworks. If you are impaired (alcohol or drugs) do not handle the fireworks.
- ◆ Choose a safe place outdoors that is away from spectators, animals, small children, grass, trees, buildings, storage tanks, brush or any combustible material. Wear protective eye glasses and gloves.
- ◆ Keep plenty of buckets of water nearby.
- ◆ Dispose of fireworks safely as they remain extremely hot for some time.



REGULATING THE USE & SALE OF FIREWORKS IN THE DISTRICT OF KITIMAT

The sale or discharge of consumer fireworks within the District is regulated under the DOK Fire Bylaw.

- ◆ **Sales:**

(New Years)	Dec. 24th & 31st
(Canada Day)	Jun. 22nd & Jul. 1st
(Halloween)	Oct. 24th & Oct 31st
- ◆ **Discharge Dates:**

(New Years)	Dec. 31st until 2 am Jan 1st
(Canada Day)	Jul. 1st
(Halloween)	Oct. 31st
- ◆ **Special Occasion Permit Is Required For:**
Person's wanting to discharge
Fireworks on days not noted on the DOK Fire Bylaw

WHEN CONSUMER FIREWORKS ARE USED IN THE DISTRICT OF KITIMAT THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN:

- ◆ Only adults should discharge fireworks. It is illegal for anyone under the age of eighteen (18) years to be in possession of fireworks.
- ◆ Read and adhere to the instructions on individual pieces of fireworks.
- ◆ A safe area should be chosen for discharging fireworks; This should include a bare area of ground, away from buildings, overhead obstructions, trees, vehicles, dry grass and other flammable objects.
- ◆ Spectators should watch from a safe distance (at least 20 metres), upwind from the discharge area.
- ◆ Never point or throw fireworks at people, pets, cars, or buildings.
- ◆ Never hold fireworks in your hand when lighting them.
- ◆ A bucket, large box or wheelbarrow filled with earth or sand makes a good firing base to secure fireworks before lighting.
- ◆ A lighting stick should be used to light fireworks rather than a match or lighter.
- ◆ A large bucket of water, sand or a garden hose should be ready at the firing site.
- ◆ Do not attempt to re-light a piece that doesn't go off. Do not approach or move the piece for 30 minutes.
- ◆ Dispose of spent fireworks in a container of water.



PURCHASING FIREWORKS

- ◆ Follow the local laws and regulations regarding the use of fireworks.
- ◆ Purchase your fireworks from a reliable source that sells products meeting safety standards.
- ◆ Stay away from illegal explosives or firecrackers and do not improvise and make your own fireworks.

FIREWORKS SAFETY

To make sure everyone has a safe and fun outdoor event, the District of Kitimat has some safety tips for people celebrating with fireworks:

Certainly, the safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a fireworks show handled by professionals however, if you choose to hold a family fireworks event with "common fireworks" sold to consumers, remember that injuries most often result from their misuse and improper handling.

Consumer fireworks are explosives and must be handled with care and respect to prevent injury and property damage. By following a few simple rules, you can substantially reduce the risk of injury and accidentally starting a fire.



DID YOU KNOW?

- ! Thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks each year.
- ! The risk of fireworks injury is more than twice as high for children aged 10-14 as for the general population.
- ! Water boils at 100°C, wood burns at 301°C and sparklers burn at 648°C which is hot enough for third degree burns.