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# Fireworks Safety

Fireworks are a wonderful part of the Independence Day tradition, but pose a serious threat to wildfire and danger to personal injury.

In 2025, drones will be deployed to survey areas where complaints of fireworks activity have been received. This innovative approach will document the use of illegal fireworks, allowing for better detection and enforcement. The drones represent a significant advancement in protecting residents and reducing the risks associated with fireworks.

**It is illegal to possess, store, sell, use, or handle fireworks in the City of Ventura.**

- Firework disturbances that are in-progress or pose an immediate threat should be reported by calling 9-1-1. Be prepared to provide detailed information about the location and suspect.

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- If there is no immediate threat, and an accurate location can still be provided, please report illegal firework activity by calling our 24/7 non-emergency number at [805-650-8010](tel:805-650-8010).

Anyone found in possession of fireworks, or caught using them, could be fined up to \$1,000 and/or receive a jail term of up to a year.

Community members with information regarding adults furnishing or selling illegal fireworks to minors can report anonymously by contacting [Ventura County Crime Stoppers](#). If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000. Furnishing or selling dangerous fireworks to minors can lead to felony convictions and even prison time.

Additionally, in 2018, the Ventura City Council adopted a [Fireworks Social Host Ordinance](#). Under this ordinance, any homeowner, renter, or person in charge of a residence or other private property who knows or should know of the sale, use, and/or possession of any fireworks on private property are subject to a civil penalty levied by the City of Ventura. The ordinance pertains to any person who hosts, organizes, supervises, officiates, conducts, or accepts responsibility for a gathering on private property.

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