Public Service Announcement

Fireworks safety on Canada Day

Everybody loves a good fireworks display to celebrate Canada's birthday, and Edmonton Fire Rescue Services wants to remind all Edmontonians how to enjoy fireworks safely.

The best way to safely enjoy fireworks is to view a display conducted by trained professionals. Fireworks can be dangerous if not handled by someone who knows how to prevent fire and personal injury. If you plan on launching your own fireworks display, there are some important things to consider:

- Fireworks include sparklers and firecrackers. Any firework must be handled with extreme caution. Even a sparkler burns hotter than 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit. That's hot enough to cause third degree burns!
- Fireworks can still be active after the display, so the leftovers must be handled with care.
- Previous incidents have demonstrated that the risk of fireworks-related injuries is highest for those between the ages of 5–19 and 25–44.
- Residents must have a permit to use fireworks. You must have at least 400 square metres of space to set off the fireworks (10 metres in every direction), and have the written permission of the property owner, as well as insurance coverage for the property.
- It is illegal for residents to launch fireworks if there is a fire ban in place.

Residents can obtain a permit through the Edmonton Fire Rescue Services Prevention office, located at 10565-105 Street. If you live outside of the city, you must get written permission from the local fire department with jurisdiction in the region where the fireworks will be used.

For more information:

To see a list of current fire ban areas, visit albertafirebans.ca

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