



## **FIREWORKS SAFETY BULLETIN**

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The Lincolnwood Police Department sympathizes with its residents and the inability to watch a professional 4th of July fireworks display this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year, Lincolnwood has been impacted by an uptick in fireworks-related calls as well as other municipalities nationwide.

The Lincolnwood Police Department would like to remind all residents that fireworks are prohibited by local ordinance. Additionally, the Illinois Pyrotechnic Use Act (425 ILCS 35), prohibits the possession, sale, and use of “consumer fireworks”, that are sold in most other states and are commonly described as bottle rockets, firecrackers, and other explosive pyrotechnics that are not considered professional grade. Residents should also be aware that Illinois has one of the strictest laws regarding fireworks in the United States, and this is due to the safety risks associated with the use of fireworks. Annually, fireworks attribute to over 19,000 fires, several tragic deaths, and multiple injuries nationally. Prohibiting the use of fireworks by law is intended to prevent these injuries and property destruction from occurring.

This bulletin lists the definition of “fireworks,” as described below in the Village Code. Police have the authority to issue citations and confiscate illegal fireworks that are prohibited by law. Often, police try to utilize discretion in calls related to fireworks complaints due to the number of calls received approaching the holiday and on the holiday itself, is it a first-time offender, the age of the violator, the type of firework used and the location of where the incident occurred.

We ask that all residents and parents/legal guardians of our younger residents refrain from this activity. Please be respectful to your community and those who have small children, animals, our elderly, and those who suffer from PTSD and how the loud noises from fireworks may affect those residents.

Thank you for your cooperation in making Lincolnwood a safe and enjoyable place to celebrate the July 4th Holiday during this unique time in 2020.

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## Village of Lincolnwood Code – Article 7 – FIREWORKS

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*Any explosive composition, or any substance or combination of substances, or article prepared for the purpose of producing an audible effect by explosion, deflagration or deterioration, or for the purpose of producing visual effects, and shall include blank cartridges, toy cannons, in which explosives are used, the type of balloons which require fire underneath to propel the same, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrocketes, roman candles, bombs, or other fireworks of like construction and any fireworks containing any explosive compound, or any nonmedicinal tablets or other device containing any explosive substances, or containing combustible substances producing visual effects; provided, however, that the term "fireworks" shall not include toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns, rockets or other devices in which paper caps containing 0.25 grain or less of explosive compound are used, providing they are so constructed that the hand cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for the explosion and toy pistol paper caps which contain less than 0.20 grain of explosive mixtures, the sale and use of which shall be permitted at all times.*

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