

## State Fire Marshal Suggests Attending Public Fireworks Displays

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**STATEWIDE, Md.** - With the arrival of summer, State Fire Marshal Brian S. Geraci is suggesting that Marylanders attend public fireworks displays. "I would highly suggest the safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend one of the many public fireworks displays throughout the State," stated Geraci. Due to complications of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for physical distancing, many applicants, including local municipalities and private businesses, have elected not to hold most outdoor displays, however, citizens are permitted to use legal fireworks in approved areas. Fireworks are **PROHIBITED** in Baltimore City, Montgomery, Prince George's, Harford, and Howard Counties as well as Ocean City.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal will process any application which it receives and will grant approval upon meeting guidelines. To help Marylanders enjoy a safer summer season, the State Fire Marshal offers several ways to enjoy fireworks while avoiding injury:

- Consider attending one of the numerous public fireworks displays scheduled throughout Maryland every year. Leave fireworks to the professionals. Check the Maryland State Fire Marshal website at: <https://mdsp.maryland.gov/firemarshal/> for listed public fireworks displays throughout the state.

### For those individuals who insist on the use of consumer fireworks:

- Purchase the fireworks in the location where you intend to discharge them. Check with the local municipality to determine what fireworks are considered legal for use in that area.
- Read and follow label warnings and instructions.
- Do not allow small children to use fireworks
- Do not consume alcoholic beverages while using fireworks.
- Have a bucket of water or hose available
- Fully extinguish remains of fireworks in water before disposal.
- Fireworks have been a long tradition of the 4th of July holiday celebrations. Please make safety your number one priority so everyone can enjoy the holiday season." stated State Fire Marshal Brian Geraci. "By acting responsibly, we can help eliminate fireworks injuries in Maryland."