

The Whitpain Township Fire Marshal has a friendly reminder about the use of consumer fireworks.

Since 2017, changes in state law allow consumers to purchase and use “Class C” or “consumer-grade” fireworks that include firecrackers, roman candles, bottle rockets, and similar fireworks that contain a maximum of 50 milligrams of explosive material. These fireworks are not toys and carry very serious safety consequences. Please keep the following in mind as we approach July 4<sup>th</sup>:

- Fireworks must only be used by a competent adult, 18 years of age or older. Never allow young children to handle fireworks.
- They cannot be ignited or discharged on a public or private property without express permission of the property owner.
- Never use illegal or homemade fireworks.
- Never discharge fireworks from or within a motor vehicle or building.
- Never discharge fireworks toward a motor vehicle or building.
- They cannot be discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure, whether or not a person is actually present.
- Never discharge fireworks while under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- NEVER ignite a firework from your hand or other parts of the body.
- Always wear protective eyewear when igniting fireworks.
- Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance once lit.
- Never ignite a firework inside a container.
- DO NOT attempt to re-light a malfunctioning firework.
- Soak spent, malfunctioning and unused fireworks in water for a few hours prior to disposal.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby in case of a fire.
- Fireworks are subject to the [Township’s noise ordinance](#).

“Display fireworks,” which are classified as including salutes that contain more than two grains or 130 milligrams of explosive materials, and professional-grade aerial shells containing more than 60 grams of pyrotechnic compositions, are illegal and cannot be used by consumers.