Indiana Firework Laws

- The following dates and times are protected in Indiana for consumer use of fireworks:
  - June 29-July 3: 5pm-2 hours after sunset
  - July 4: 10am-midnight
  - July 5-9: 5pm-2 hours after sunset
  - December 31: 10am-1am
- Fireworks can only be purchased by persons 18 years and older
- Firework use is limited to personal property only

Staying Safe on the 4th of July

Summer is finally here and that brings barbecues, parades and fireworks. If not handled properly, fireworks can cause burns and eye injuries in kids and adults. The best way to protect ourselves is to attend public firework displays conducted by professionals. If you decide to light fireworks at home, please see the safety tips listed below.

The annual fireworks report for 2019 found the following reported injuries related to fireworks.

- There were an estimated 7,300 firework injuries in Indiana that were treated at local Emergency Departments
- Most firework injuries are sustained by males (66%)
- Half of the estimated ED treated injuries happened to individuals younger that 21
- Injuries related to sparklers accounted for 900 trips to the ED, firecrackers 800 trips, and bottle rockets 400 trips
- Most common injured body parts include; hands and fingers (30%), legs (23%), eyes (15%), and head/face and ears (15%).
- 58% of firework injuries were burns

Always remember the following safety tips when interacting with fireworks:

- Use extreme caution when lighting fireworks in the wind. Keep spectators where the wind is blowing smoke and debris away from them.
- Never smoke or consume alcohol when lighting fireworks.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from the reach of children.
- Steer clear of others setting off fireworks. They can backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction.
- Do not attempt to make or alter any fireworks or firework devices.
- Always have a fire extinguisher or water supply, such as a hose or bucket of water, nearby.
- Only light one firework at a time and never attempt to re-light or fix a "dud" firework.
- After a firework has finished burning, douse it with plenty of water before throwing it away to prevent starting a trash fire.
- Be considerate of individuals with PTSD and other types of medical conditions. The noise can cause severe stress and reaction in neighbors.

Reference: https://www.in.gov/dhs/get-prepared/fireworks-safety/