

# Did You Know?

In the City of Chicago, it is prohibited to have, keep, store, use, manufacture, assemble, mix, sell, handle or transport any fireworks except:

- Snake or glowworm pellets;
- Smoke devices;
- Trick noisemakers known as “party poopers”,
- “Booby traps”,
- “Snappers”,
- “Trick matches”,
- “Cigarette loads”, and
- “Auto burglar alarms”

Possession, use or transport of any other fireworks will subject you to a fine of \$200-\$500 for EACH offense. Selling or manufacturing fireworks within the City of Chicago will subject you to a fine of \$250-\$500, incarceration of 10-30 days or both. If you transport fireworks within the City of Chicago, your vehicle can be impounded and you can be fined \$500, in addition to towing and storage fees.

If you are using any of the legal fireworks listed above, please follow these safety tips:

- Have a responsible adult supervise all firework activities. Never give fireworks to children.
- Know your fireworks. Read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting.
- Wear safety glasses when igniting fireworks.
- Only use fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from buildings and vehicles.
- Never try to relight a “dud” firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket or shoot them into metal or glass containers.
- Report all illegal fireworks use by calling 911.



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