



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY FIREWORKS FACT SHEET 2026



Know the Law:

Even if fireworks are legal in your area, they pose a huge risk to life and property. Know the risks, know the law, and practice firework safety.

- Safe and Sane fireworks are legal in: Anaheim, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Los Alamitos, Orange, Santa Ana, Stanton, Villa Park, and Westminster. In all other Orange County cities, *all* fireworks are illegal.
- Fireworks are prohibited in:
 - State and County Parks
 - County Harbors
 - State, County, and City Beaches
 - Unincorporated Orange County
 - The Cleveland National Forest
- Possession of illegal fireworks may result in a fine of up to \$50,000, and up to one year of prison time. (Cal OES, 2020)
- If you start a fire (even accidentally) from fireworks, you will be held liable for the fire suppression and property damage costs. (CAL FIRE, 2020)
- Parents are liable for any damage or injuries caused by their children using fireworks. (CA FIRE, 2019)
- Fireworks start an average of 18,000 fires, including 1,300 structure fires, and 300 vehicle fires. (American Red Cross, 2023)

In Orange County, fireworks pose a severe risk to health and safety for kids and adults:

- Per the Orange County Fire Authority's 2024 Independence Day After Action Report, firework-related injuries rose 43% across OC last year. (OCFA, 2025)
- One Orange County hospital alone treated 36 adults and children for illegal-fireworks injuries in a single summer. (NBC LA, 2025)

Risk of Death / Injury:

- In 2024, an estimated 14,700 people were injured by fireworks – a roughly 52% increase over 2023, and there were 11 reported fireworks-related deaths, a 38% increase. (CPSC, 2025)
- Children younger than 15 years of age accounted for 28 percent of the estimated 2022 fireworks-related injuries. (CPSC, 2022)
- Burns made up 37% of fireworks-related ER visits in 2024, and the most commonly injured body parts were hands/fingers (36%) and head/face/ears (22%). (CPSC, 2025)
- Teenagers aged 15 to 19 had the highest estimated rate of emergency department-treated fireworks-related injuries in 2023. (CPSC, 2024)
- In 2024, sparklers caused an estimated 1,700 emergency department-treated injuries. (CPSC, 2024)

**Leave fireworks to the professionals.
Visit [OCFA.org/FourthofJuly](https://ocfa.org) to see a full list of
professional firework displays in celebration of the 4th of July.**



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