



## Sedgwick County Fire District 1 Fireworks Safety Tips

Fireworks are legal in the unincorporated areas of Sedgwick County. Legal fireworks include class C consumer fireworks, or those allowed in the state of Kansas. Illegal fireworks include bottle rockets or any rocket on a stick. Commercial-grade fireworks are illegal to possess or shoot, unless the individual is licensed to do so.

Fireworks may be shot from July 1 through the Independence Day federal holiday.

**Keep these tips in mind to ensure the safety of yourself and your family:**

- Small children should not handle fireworks; even sparklers can be harmful if mishandled.
- Older children and young adults should be monitored by an adult when handling fireworks.
- Always keep a bucket of water or a hose nearby.
- Take old or illegal fireworks to a fire station or soak them in water until they unravel.
- Follow the directions on the packages closely.
- Do not hold fireworks that have been ignited.
- Try to light fireworks on gravel, concrete or a hard surface that will not ignite.
- Keep fireworks away from dry grass, hay, trees and all structures.
- Pay attention to dry, windy conditions and to burn bans - do not ignite fireworks during these times.

Contact the Sedgwick County Fire District  
at 660-3473 or visit them online  
at [www.sedgwickcounty.org](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org).



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### Fire Rules to Live by

- Plan and practice exit drills at home.
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and check batteries often.
- Keep fire extinguishers accessible.
- Never leave candles unattended.
- Stay low when there's smoke present.

### Summer Safety

#### BBQs

- Store unused charcoal in a cool, dry place.
- Place a barbeque at least three feet from any structure.
- Never leave a lit barbeque unattended.

#### Campfires and Bonfires

- Dig a fire pit and surround it with rocks.
- Keep any flammable material away from the fire.
- Keep a fire extinguisher nearby.
- Monitor children closely.
- Do not throw trash into the fire.
- Avoid campfires when particularly dry and/or windy conditions exist.

#### Water

- Always use personal flotation devices - one life jacket per person.
- Never swim alone.
- Follow pool and public water facility rules.
- Take a CPR class.

#### Bicycles

- Wear a helmet.
- Follow the rules of the road.
- Wear and equip your bicycle with appropriate night gear - light, reflective clothing and lights.



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