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City of Roseville Public Safety | Police & Fire

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## 4th of July Fireworks Safety Tips

The calendar says June, but in a few weeks many people will be out shopping for fireworks. So keep these fireworks safety tips handy. July 4th will be here before you know it.

- Use only State Fire Marshal approved fireworks.
- Read and follow the directions on each firework before using it.
- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities.
- Never point or throw fireworks at anyone.
- Only use fireworks outdoors and away from homes, dry grass, or trees.

- Light only one item at a time and keep at a safe distance.
- Never alter a firework.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- Put used fireworks in a bucket of water and have a garden hose nearby to extinguish flames if necessary.

### What is a legal firework?

- Legal fireworks must be labeled with the State Fire Marshal seal, either on the device itself or on the box.
- Generally, legal fireworks are classified as "Safe and Sane." in the state of California.
- It is illegal to sell or give "Safe and Sane" fireworks to anyone under 16 years of age.
- "Safe and Sane" fireworks can be discharged in the City of Roseville from 12:00 p.m. on June 28 until 11:59 p.m. on July 4.

## What is an Illegal Firework?

If it goes up in the air, darts across the ground, or explodes it is dangerous and illegal. Some examples include:

- Cherry bombs
- M-80's and M-100's
- Firecrackers
- Bottle Rockets
- Roman Candles
- Aerial shells and mortars.

## What Can You Do?

- If you witness a crime or fire in progress involving illegal fireworks call 9-1-1.
- If you have information regarding the whereabouts of an illegal fireworks operation call the non-emergency number 774-5000 ext. 1.
- Illegal fireworks can be turned in at the Roseville Fire Department Fire Station #1 at 401 Oak Street.

## Did You Know?

- **Possession** of illegal fireworks is considered a misdemeanor and punishable by fine of not less than **\$500 or by imprisonment for up to one year.**
- Persons found with a sufficient amount of **illegal fireworks** may be guilty of a felony, punishable with up to \$5,000 in fines and/or imprisoned in a state prison or county jail.

## Campfire Safety



So far this year, CAL FIRE has seen almost twice as many wildfires than average, and the peak of summer is still to come.

In the midst of this severe drought, everyone is encouraged to be vigilant and remember that "One Less Spark means one less Wildfire."

If you and your family are planning to go camping this year. Here are few campfire tips to remember:

- Obtain a campfire permit. ([www.PreventWildfireCA.org](http://www.PreventWildfireCA.org))
- Dig a small pit away from overhanging branches. (Most parks have campfire pits ready for use.)
- Circle the pit with rocks or be sure the pit already has a metal fire ring.
- Clear away grass, leaves, and other debris within a 10-foot perimeter of any campfire.
- Keep a bucket of water and a shovel nearby.
- After lighting, do not discard the match until it is cold.
- Never leave a campfire unattended, not even for a minute.
- Ensure all fires are completely extinguished before leaving.
  - \* Fill a bucket with water and pour it on the campfire while completely stirring and wetting all the ashes. Turn wood and coals over and wet all sides.
  - \* Move some of the dirt immediately adjacent to the fire into the fire and mix thoroughly.
  - \* Feel with your hand all around the fire to be sure nothing is still smoldering

In partnership with the Greater Sacramento Task Force, the City of Roseville Police and Fire Departments have a "Zero Tolerance" policy regarding illegal fireworks.



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# The Shoe Trick to Prevent Child Deaths in Hot Cars

Source: USA Today Network

Every summer heartbreaking and preventable deaths happen when children are left alone in hot cars. Experts say this often times occur when a parent breaks a routine. Many of these incidents could have been prevented.



Putting something in the back seat next to the baby is not a new idea. Safety groups have recommended leaving something in the back seat that you will need when you reach your destination—cell phone, purse, briefcase, etc. However, there may be times when you don't have something to put in the back seat. But, you more than likely will always have a shoe.



What will work is some kind of system that won't fail to remind a person a child is in the back seat. In 2012 the National Highway Safety Institute published a report that found reminder and detection devices to be unreliable and required too much effort from caregivers for them to operate.

So the next time you are driving, and you place your child in the back seat, leave your left shoe alongside him/her.



## Unattended Children In Motor Vehicles

Source: CA DMV Handbook 2015

- It is never a good idea to leave a child unattended in a vehicle.
- It is illegal to leave a child six years or younger unattended in a motor vehicle (CVC §15620).

The court may fine a violator and require him or her to attend a community education program. Also, DMV and court penalties for leaving an unattended child in a vehicle are more severe if the child is injured, requires emergency medical services, or dies.

Dehydration, heat stroke, and death can result from overexposure to the heat.

NOTE: The child may be left under the supervision of a person 12 years of age or older.

**Heat stroke may occur when body temperature passes 104 degrees Fahrenheit. That overwhelms the brain's temperature control, causing symptoms such as dizziness, disorientation, agitation, confusion, sluggishness, seizure, loss of consciousness, and/or death.**

## Danger: Kids Left in Hot Cars

Web MD Archive

More than 600 US children have died when left alone in hot cars since 1990 according to the nonprofit safety group Kids and Cars. These deaths have occurred when kids were left unattended in a hot car. (Sometimes when the driver forgot the child was there or when kids got into unlocked cars without any adult knowing.) Here's what you need to know:

1. **No Exceptions, No Matter How Brief** "It is never OK to leave kids or pets in a car -- even with the windows down," says Christopher McStay, MD, an emergency room doctor and assistant professor of emergency medicine at New York University Langone Medical Center. "It is an absolute no-no."
2. **Know What Can Go Wrong** "On a day that is just 72 degrees Fahrenheit, the temperature [inside a car] can increase by 30 to 40 degrees in an hour, and 70% of this increase occurs the first 30 minutes," says Christopher Haines, DO, director of pediatric emergency medicine at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia.
3. **Bystander? Get Involved** If you see a child alone in a hot vehicle, call 911 immediately, advises the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). "If they are in distress due to heat, get them out as quickly as possible," states the NHTSA's web site
4. **Prevent Kids From Wandering Into the Car** Don't let your children play in your car, make sure the car's doors and trunk are locked when you're not using it, and keep the keys out of kids' reach. That may help prevent children from getting accidentally locked in the car,

Sources: Web MD, Cal Fire, USA Today Network

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EMERGENCY  
IN PROGRESS**

**NON-EMERGENCY**  
Fire (916) 774-5800  
Police (916)-774-5000  
Extension 1

**Police Department**  
1051 Junction Blvd.  
Roseville CA 95678  
(916) 774-5000  
[www.roseville.ca.us/police](http://www.roseville.ca.us/police)

**Fire Headquarters**  
401 Oak Street, Fire Station #1  
Roseville, CA 95678  
(916) 774-5800  
[www.roseville.ca.us/fire](http://www.roseville.ca.us/fire)

**Abandoned Vehicle  
Hotline**  
(916) 746-1022

**Alarm Permits/Info.**  
(916) 774-5093

**Animal Control**  
(916)774-5090

**Community Events &  
Neighborhood Watch**  
(916) 774-5050  
[PDCommunityServices@roseville.ca.us](mailto:PDCommunityServices@roseville.ca.us)

**Graffiti Abatement**  
(916) 746-1021

**Police News & Crime  
Alert Emails:**  
[www.roseville.ca.us/enotify](http://www.roseville.ca.us/enotify)

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