

## Local Authorities Offer Firework Safety Tips

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Fireworks go on sale in Bend on Friday, June 23rd. In hopes of helping families avoid a holiday tragedy, Bend Fire and Rescue offers the following safety information.

Â§ Purchase and use only Oregon legal fireworks, which are available at licensed outlets in Bend.

Â§ You must be at least 18 years of age to use, purchase, or sell fireworks in the city of Bend. Parents are liable for any damage or injuries caused by their children using fireworks.

Â§ Keep matches and lighters away from children.

Â§ Always have a bucket of water to thoroughly soak unused or used fireworks, and have a charged garden hose on hand.

Â§ Never alter a firework. It can be deadly.

Â§ Regulations may vary between cities, rural fire districts, and public lands. Please contact your local fire agency for specific requirements, regulations or closures and comply with these restrictions.

Â§ Place pets indoors as they can easily be frightened by fireworks.

Keep it legal, keep it safe!

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