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**Morris County Sheriff’s Office Issues Fireworks Safety Tips***Celebrate Safely This Fourth of July*

Happy 4th of July! **Sheriff James M. Gannon and the Morris County Sheriff’s Office** remind everyone to celebrate responsibly this Independence Day by following safety guidelines when handling fireworks.

**Fireworks Safety Tips:**

* Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol.
* Always supervise children, especially when using sparklers.
* Use sparklers with extreme caution – they burn at very high temperatures and can cause serious injuries.

**Legal Consumer Fireworks:**

* Ground-based sparkling devices
* Smoke bombs
* Handheld sparklers

**Illegal Consumer Fireworks Include:**

* Firecrackers
* Aerial rockets
* Any device that explodes or launches into the air

**Commercial Grade Fireworks:**

* Are for professional use only
* Contain multiple explosive charges
* Should never be handled by the public
* Can cause serious injury or death

**If You Encounter an Unexploded Firework:**

* Do not assume it is a “dud”
* Isolate the area and notify the fireworks display manager
* If found outside of a professional event, contact the Morris County Sheriff’s Office Bomb Squad immediately

**Know the Law:**

* [**New Jersey Law**](https://www.nj.gov/labor/safetyandhealth/resources-support/laws-regulations/fireworksact_sale.shtml?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=hootsuite&utm_content=c41d9b23-cf0a-49c5-89d4-c436ce801b8e)**:** Consumer fireworks must comply with state regulations
* [**Federal Law**](https://www.atf.gov/explosives/tools-services-explosives-industry/explosive-products-and-devices/fireworks)**:** Governed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

**The Morris County Sheriff’s Office Bomb Squad** is available 24/7 to provide technical assistance in the event of a fireworks-related incident. To report suspicious items or for more information, contact the Morris County Communications Center at **973-285-2900.**

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