



## Fireworks

Fireworks are synonymous with celebrations of different types of Festivities. Fireworks can be dangerous and if incorrectly and irresponsibly used and without adult supervision could cause serious injury in the form of loss of limbs, burns and eye injuries. It can cause great trauma to animals. Fireworks are regulated and controlled in terms of the Explosives Act 26 of 1956 and Regulations 1972 enforced by South African Police Service (SAPS).

In terms of 9.11.1 of the Regulation all fireworks manufactured in the Republic or imported into, or which are offered for sale within the Republic shall be marked, labelled and packed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3 of these regulations and any person found in possession of fireworks not so marked and labelled shall be deemed to be in possession of “unauthorised explosives” and guilty of an offence.

In terms of Regulation 10.34 it is unlawful for any person to use or explode any fireworks:

1. Within 500 meters of any explosive magazine, explosive factory, petroleum depot, gasometer;
  2. Any building or any or any public thoroughfare.
  3. Any public place or resort, except with the prior written permission of the local authority.
- General by Law Enforcement The General By-Laws, are regulated and enforced by eThekweni Metro Police under Chapter 3 Sec. E.3 Nuisances, Part1: Offences Sec.3.1.1(2)(e) which states: “the production of noise produced by the discharge of any gun, firework or other explosive device except to the extent that it is expressly authorised by law” constitutes an offence.

Permission is to be sought from the Chief Inspector of Explosives in terms of Regulation 10.36 where a public display of fireworks is to be held and must be done by a Registered Pyrotechnician. Safety Tips for the use of fireworks:

1. never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks – always have an adult supervising this.
2. Sparkles burn at high temperatures and when immersed in water does not extinguish.
3. Never place any body part directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up immediately to a safe distance after igniting the fuse.
4. Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks if they have not ignited fully.
5. Light fireworks one at a time then move back quickly.
6. Never carry fireworks in your pocket or shoot them of in metal or glass container.
7. Allow fireworks to complete their burning – douse the spent devices with plenty of water before discarding to prevent a trash/rubbish fire.
8. Do not detonate fireworks whilst aiming at a person or animal as serious harm can be done which can result in a fatality





9. Ensure that animals are cared for and in this regard please call the SPCA or you're nearest Veterinarian for advice.

Emergency numbers to keep on hand - Fire Dept / Metro Police / SAPS – 031 361 0000, SAPS - 10111, SPCA - 031 5796512

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