



# CENTRAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Santa Cruz County

---

930 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA. 95062  
phone (831) 479-6842 fax (831) 479-6847

## PRESS RELEASE

CONTACT: FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION  
ATTN: MIKE DEMARS - FIRE INSPECTOR

PHONE: (831) 479-6843

RELEASE DATE: July 1, 2009

### "Fireworks Safety and a Safe Holiday"

Central Fire Protection District would like to remind everyone to be fire safe when celebrating Independence Day. We encourage you and your families to observe these safety tips:

1. First of all – observe local laws regarding fireworks. Fireworks are illegal within most of Santa Cruz County.
2. Don't allow young children to play with fireworks under any circumstances.
3. Keep fireworks away from dry leaves, grass and combustible materials (including clothing).
4. Don't relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Soak them with water and throw them away.
5. Don't experiment with homemade fireworks.
6. Don't stand near or over fireworks when they are lit. Watch from a safe distance.
7. Keep a fire extinguisher or garden hose accessible.

Young children suffer the majority of burn injuries caused by fireworks. Mishandled fireworks cause millions of dollars in property damage every year and are often identified as the cause of accidental fires. For more information, contact Central Fire Protection District or your local fire department. The Central Fire website is [www.centralfpd.com](http://www.centralfpd.com) . For enforcement of fireworks violations, contact your local law enforcement agency.

*Serving The Communities of Capitola, Live Oak, and Soquel*

