

Independence Day

As the 4th of July approaches, the Black Diamond Police Department would like to remind you of the following local ordinances pertaining to fireworks.

8.04.020 Acts prohibited without a permit.

No person shall do any of the following acts in the city without having first obtained and having in full force and effect a valid permit issued by the city to do so:

- A. Manufacture, import, possess or sell any fireworks, including agricultural and wildlife fireworks, at wholesale or retail for any use, provided, however, no permit is required for the possession or use of common fireworks lawfully purchased at retail;
- B. Discharge special fireworks at any place;
- C. Make a public display of fireworks; or
- D. Transport fireworks, except as a public carrier delivering to a permittee.

8.04.100 Dates and times common fireworks may be sold or discharged.

- A. No common fireworks shall be sold within the city except from twelve noon on the twenty-eighth day of June to eleven fifty-nine p.m. on the fourth day of July.
- B. No common fireworks shall be discharged within the city except between the hours of nine a.m. and twelve midnight on the fourth day of July of each year.

8.04.220 Reckless discharge or use prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person to discharge or use fireworks in a reckless manner which creates a substantial risk of death or serious physical injury to another person or damage to the property of another.

8.04.230 Penalties for violation.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon a finding that such violation was committed, be punished by a monetary penalty in a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars or imprisonment not to exceed one hundred eighty days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Fireworks Safety

- Use only approved, legal fireworks from reliable Washington State and King County Fire Marshal licensed retailers.
- Always have a responsible adult light all fireworks.
- Have a charged garden hose or a fire extinguisher handy.
- Use fireworks under outdoor conditions only, away from buildings, houses with wood shingles, trees, and dry fields.
- Avoid aerial fireworks.
- Light one item at a time, move away quickly, and keep a safe distance.
- Dispose of used fireworks by first soaking them in water.
- Ensure the safety of pets. Use eye protection. Clean up all debris.
- If a device does not light or fire, an adult should wait a minimum of five minutes before approaching the device.
- If it has a stick or fins and it goes up, or if it blows up, it is **illegal** in Washington State.
 - Rather than buy fireworks, consider attending a public firework display.

