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City of Ventura reminder for the July 4th holiday; fireworks safety and local laws

City officials remind residents and visitors that all fireworks are illegal in the City of Ventura. Fireworks are prohibited in nine of the 10 cities in Ventura County.

Community members are encouraged to celebrate the holiday safely and legally, by enjoying an official fireworks show.

<http://www.venturafireworks.com/blog/view/1115/ventura-fireworks-show---...>

There is a \$424 fine for use or possession of fireworks, including the so-called "safe and sane" fireworks such as sparklers. Possession of larger amounts of fireworks may result in a felony charge.

With our dry hillsides, automobile access to Grant Park and Serra Cross Park will be prohibited and gates will remain locked from July 3 at 9pm until July 5 at 7am.

Brian Clark, Ventura City Fire Marshal says children are especially at risk during illegal use of fireworks. Clark notes "children ages 10 -14 have three times the risk of fireworks injury than the general population. And can suffer serious burns from sparklers, fountains and novelties which have temperatures of 1200°F or higher."

Remember to protect your pets during fireworks season as well; keep them in a safe and quiet place indoors, don't take them to the fireworks show, and don't leave them in the car even with partially open windows.

Firefighters give their efforts in the following order: to protect human health, property and the environment. Help us keep these priorities -- avoid using fireworks.

For more fire prevention tips and safety information, visit the Ventura City Fire Department webpages at www.cityofventura.net/fire.

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