



Public Safety

News and Tips

July 4th Safety Tips



Fireworks Safety



It's summertime. For most Americans summer means vacations, family reunions, picnics, and the Fourth of July. Of course, fireworks to celebrate Independence Day is as American as apple pie. Did you know that two out of five fires reported on that day are started by fireworks? Here's the good news. **You can enjoy your holiday and the fireworks with some simple safety tips.** Review them with your children before they head outside.

**Call 911
EMERGENCY
IN PROGRESS**

NON-EMERGENCY
Fire (916) 774-5800
Police (916)-774-5000
Extension 1

Police Department
1051 Junction Blvd.
Roseville C A 95678
(916) 774-5000
www.roseville.ca.us/police

Fire Headquarters
401 Oak Street, Fire
Station #1
Roseville, CA 95678
(916) 774-5800
www.roseville.ca.us/fire

**Abandoned Vehicle
Hotline**
(916) 746-1022

**Alarms/Alarm
Permits**
(916) 774-5093

Animal Control
(916)774-5090

**Community Events
& Neighborhood
Watch**
(916) 774-5050

Graffiti Abatement
(916) 746-1021

**Police news &
crime alert emails:**
www.roseville.ca.us/nototify

RCONA
(Roseville Coalition of
Neighborhood
Associations)
www.RCONA.org

- **Use only State Fire Marshal approved** fireworks.
- Read and follow the directions on each firework before using it.
- Always **have an adult supervise** fireworks activities.
- **Never point or throw fireworks** at anyone.
- Only use fireworks outdoors and away from homes, dry grass, or trees.
- **Light only one item at a time** and keep at a safe distance.
- **Never alter a firework.**
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- **Never carry fireworks in your pocket.**
- **Put used fireworks in a bucket of water** and have a garden hose nearby to extinguish flames if necessary.

What is a legal firework?

- **Legal fireworks must be labeled** with the State Fire Marshal seal, either on the device itself or on the box.
- Generally, **legal fireworks are classified as "Safe and Sane."** in the state of California.
- "Safe and Sane" fireworks can be discharged in the City of Roseville from **12:00 p.m. on June 28 until 11:59 p.m. on July 4.**
- **It is illegal to sell or give "Safe and Sane" fireworks to anyone under 16** years of age.

What is an illegal firework?

If it goes up in the air, darts across the ground, or explodes it is dangerous and illegal.

Some examples include:

- Cherry bombs
- M-80's and M-100's
- Firecrackers
- Bottle Rockets
- Roman Candles
- Aerial shells and mortars.

What Can You Do ?

- If you witness a **crime or fire in progress** involving illegal fireworks call **9-1-1.**
- If you have **information** regarding the whereabouts of an **illegal fireworks operation** call the non-emergency number **774-5000 ext. 1.**
- **Illegal fireworks can be turned in** at the Roseville Fire Department Fire Station #1 at 401 Oak Street.

In partnership with the Greater Sacramento Task Force, the **City of Roseville Police and Fire Departments** have a **"Zero tolerance" policy** regarding illegal fireworks



Did you Know?

- The tip of a **sparkler** burns at a temperature of **1,200 degrees** Fahrenheit, which is hot enough to cause third-degree burns..
- **200 people** on average go to the **emergency room** with fireworks-related injuries in and around the **4th** of July holiday.
- Nearly **90%** of emergency room fireworks injuries involve fireworks consumers are permitted to use.
- The risk of fireworks **injury is highest for children ages 5-19 and adults 25-44.**
- **Possession** of illegal fireworks is considered a misdemeanor and punishable by fine of not less than **\$500** or by **imprisonment for up to one year.**
- Persons found with a sufficient amount of **illegal fireworks may be guilty of a felony,** punishable with up to **\$5,000** in fines **and/or imprisoned** in a state prison or county jail.
- **Parents** may be held **liable for any damages or injuries by their children's** use of illegal fireworks.

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Steps to Prevent Home Burglary

Is Your Home a Target for Theft?

We would all like to believe that when we are away at work or on vacation that our home is immune from burglary. The sad reality is, it is not. The Federal Bureau of Investigations reported that more than 1.9 million burglaries occurred in 2011 and 74.5 percent of them were residential crimes.

Types of burglars

- Some home burglaries occur when a **scam artist posing as legitimate sales person, talks their way into a victim's home and steals items** while the homeowner is kept occupied by a second scam artist. Some may even leave a window in a bathroom open for their return at a later time.
- Other **burglars will be opportunists** who just happen to spot an easy target in a neighborhood **like an open garage door or open window**.
- And yet others will be **experienced thieves** who **"case a joint"** and know all the tricks of the trade for breaking and entering.

Regardless of the type of burglar, **it takes less than a minute for him/her to break into a home**. Most take less than 10 minutes inside a home, though some may be bold enough to pose as a contractor or delivery person and stay for a longer period of time. Here are **some key things you can do to discourage home burglary**.

1. People are your best defense. **Be a visibly nosy neighbor**. Let anyone walking in the neighborhood or sitting in a parked car see you watching them. **Make a note of a car's license plate of anyone that behaves suspiciously** or stays in their car for a lengthy period of time. Then **call the police**. 
2. **Take a walk around your home, inside and out, to figure where the weakest link in your security might be**. High risk places include the door from your garage into the house, back doors, side "breezeways" where a burglar would not be seen, and large shrubs close to the residence where someone could hide.
3. After your home inspection, **take action to increase protection to these vulnerable places**. You can install keyed window locks and deadbolts on doors and use toughened glass in windows and doors. Remove those shrubs. 
4. **Be wary about who you allow into your home** and how much information you give about your belongings and schedule. This includes neighbors you don't know or fully trust.
5. **Make it tough for would be burglars to know whether they're under surveillance**. Fake cameras can be good, but only if they can be taken for the real thing. Many burglars can identify whether a camera is a fake.
6. **Control access to and around your property**. Consider motion-activated lights.
7. **Motion activated cameras are another powerful weapon**. There are inexpensive network-linked cameras that can email images so you have an off-site backup in case your device is stolen or disabled. 
8. An **alarm system, preferably with a visible box outside the house**, will not only deter crooks but sound an immediate alert of a home burglary. The City of Roseville requires a permit if you own an alarm. If you have any questions call the alarm permit unit at 916-774-5093. 
9. **Don't hide a key**. Home burglary crooks know all those "secret" places.



Things to Keep in Mind

- First, if you've **previously been burglarized, you're statistically more likely to be targeted again**.
- Second, home burglaries can involve much more than the theft of your valuables. **If the crooks steal personal information, you could become the victim of identity theft**.
- Third, **dogs are exceptional deterrents to theft**. Let your dog be seen and heard. A thief who knows there's a dog in the house may pick another target.

If your house was hit...

- If you return home and notice something is wrong-the **back door is ajar or a window is broken**-leave immediately and call the police from a safe place.
- If you're at home, go to the nearest room and lock yourself in, **then call 911**.

Vacation Home Check

If you are planning on going away for a vacation this summer, don't forget to sign-up for a free "Vacation House Check."



<http://www.roseville.ca.us/civicax/inc/blobfetch.aspx?BlobID=10992> or search "Vacation Check Request" on the police website.

Requests must be received at least one week prior to the date requested.

Resources Roseville City Fire website, Scambusters.org, State Farm Insurance, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, NFPA

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