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Fire Marshal Urges Safe Fireworks Use During 4th of July Celebrations

BATON ROUGE (June 16, 2025)- As fireworks stands open across Louisiana for the 2025 Fourth of July season, the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFM) is reminding residents to stay safe and informed when celebrating with fireworks.

More than 600 retail fireworks stands are permitted statewide, with sales allowed through 11:59 p.m. on July 5th. Louisiana law requires all wholesale and retail fireworks sellers to be properly licensed by the SFM and to operate only in areas where fireworks are legally allowed.

While public fireworks shows remain the safest option, if you choose to purchase fireworks, make sure you're buying from a licensed and permitted vendor. Don't hesitate to ask to see their permit. Suspicious or illegal sales can be reported to the SFM at 1-800-256-5452 or online at www.lasfm.org.

Fireworks Safety Tips:

- Keep fireworks at least 200 feet from buildings, vehicles, and flammable debris
- Never let children handle fireworks; offer safe alternatives like glow sticks
- Avoid using fireworks if impaired by alcohol or drugs
- Light one firework at a time and monitor with a hose or bucket of water nearby
- Soak used fireworks before disposal—never toss them dry into the trash

Check for local burn bans or dry conditions before using fireworks. Always choose a safe, open space for detonation.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, more than 200 people per day are treated in emergency rooms for fireworks-related injuries around Independence Day. Don't become a statistic—celebrate safely!

For more information or to report concerns, visit www.lasfm.org.

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