

# Can you tell the difference between Illegal Fireworks and Illegal Explosive Devices?

## It could save a life!

### Which fireworks are illegal in our state?

These are listed as Consumer Fireworks but are illegal to sell, possess, and/or discharge within the State of Washington. They are legal to sell, possess, and/or discharge on tribal lands.

#### Firecrackers

Generally 1/4" x 1 1/2" or less that come in packs to large bricks. A firecracker makes a single "pop" sound. Many firecrackers strung together will make repetitive "popping" sounds.



#### Bottle Rockets

A firecracker type (tube) attached to a 12" long wooden stick. The stick is placed in a bottle and once lit, it rises into the air, travelling laterally before exploding.

#### Sky Rockets and Missiles

Similar to the Bottle Rocket, a Sky Rocket is attached to a stick or has fins and may have a plastic cap. A missile will have fins rather than a stick. Once lit, it ascends rapidly, high into the air where it explodes.



Illegal explosive devices are often wrongly referred to as fireworks because they look like large firecrackers, but they can have as much explosive power as a 1/4 stick of dynamite.

#### Mass-produced Homemade Devices Example: M-80's, M-100's, etc.



#### Homemade Explosives Example: Pipe Bomb & Tennis Ball Bomb



#### Altering consumer fireworks making an explosive device Example: Sparkler Bomb



## Do not handle explosive devices!!

**If possible, have the local bomb squad  
evaluate and pick up the device.**

Possession, manufacturing, or using illegal explosive devices is a **criminal offense** in Washington.

**Call the State Fire Marshal's Office at  
(360) 596-3946 for additional information.**



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