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FIREWORKS - Guidance

It is unlawful to possess or discharge any non-permissible fireworks within the state (12-28-103 CRS). These **non-permissible** fireworks include any types that:

- Explode
- Discharge balls of fire
- Leave the Ground
- Are uncontrollable

Non-permissible fireworks include but are not limited to:

- Roman Candles
- Cherry Bombs
- Helicopters
- Bottle Rockets
- M-80's and 100's
- Shells and Mortars
- Firecrackers

It is also unlawful for anyone under sixteen to purchase, possess or discharge any fireworks, including permissible, unless under adult supervision.

A successful celebration can be ensured by following these easy safety tips:ⁱ

- Allow only adults to discharge permissible fireworks
- Prepare a “safe area” for discharging fireworks including pre-wetting the area and mowing excess foliage.
- Never re-light a dud, wait 15-20 minutes then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Always read and follow label directions
- Buy from reliable sellers
- Use outdoors only
- Always have water nearby (a garden hose and a bucket)
- Never throw or point fireworks at another person.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket
- Shooter should always use eye and ear protection.

ⁱ Information provided by the National Council on Fireworks Safety