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(Neb.)-Fireworks Safety Encouraged For Fun Holiday



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(Chadron)-Fireworks are now on sale in the KCSR/KBPY listening area for the Fourth of July Holiday. Although conditions may not be as dry as last year, caution is still urged when setting off the festive firecrackers. Safety is being urged both by the Red Cross and the South Dakota Department of Public Safety.

The Red Cross offers some tips on how to keep the holiday fun, but also safe. Fireworks should not be given to small children, a water supply should be kept close, eye protection is advised, one firework at a time should be lit, and duds should be disposed of and not re-lit. Fireworks should be stored in a cool/dry place away from children and pets, and fireworks should NEVER be aimed at people, animals, vehicles, structures or flammable materials.

Each community has ordinances for fireworks usage. In the City of Chadron, that is covered by City Ordinance 1312. Fireworks may be lit in Chadron beginning June 25, which was Tuesday, with hours of discharge allowed from 8 am to 10 pm, with the exception of July 4, when the hours are extended until 1 am on July 5.

Special permits may be obtained through the City for use during other times of the year. There are also some fireworks which are not permitted in communities. The best way to make sure legal fireworks are used is to purchase the fireworks in the community in which they will be used. Local law enforcement can also be contacted for more specific information on which items are allowed.

The Chadron Police Department would like to wish everyone a Happy Fourth of July, and encourages safety during the holiday as well.

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