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Use Common Sense with Fireworks

With Independence Day quickly approaching, the Waco Fire Department reminds residents that it is **illegal to possess, and discharge fireworks inside the city limits of the City of Waco**. Sparklers are classified as fireworks and are also prohibited. The Waco Fire Marshall's Office along with Waco Police will be issuing tickets to offenders.

The [U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission](http://www.cpsc.gov) (CPSC) reported that there were eight deaths and an estimated 12,900 fireworks-related, emergency department-treated injuries in 2017. According to the CPSC, about 67 percent of the estimated fireworks-related injuries were treated in emergency departments from June 16 - July 16, 2017.

With a BURN BAN in effect for McLennan County, the Waco Fire Department along with the Waco-McLennan County Office of Emergency Management advises everyone that with a burn ban in effect citizens should be extremely cautious with anything that could start a fire. For the safety of property and the lives of those nearby, citizens should use common sense with Fireworks.

Touchdown Alley next to McLane Stadium is the location for the H-E-B Fireworks Over the Brazos event. Enjoy plenty of family fun, food, live music and a professional fireworks display which begins at 9:15 p.m. Waco Fire Department encourages people to attend a public fireworks display and enjoy a fire-safe, injury-free Fourth of July.

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