



**HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
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**HFD Reminds Citizens Fireworks are not only dangerous, but also
illegal in City and parts of county**

The Houston Fire Department reminds citizens that it is illegal to discharge fireworks or to have fireworks in your possession in the City of Houston. Harris County residents should also be aware that HFD will be enforcing the fireworks ban in the Limited Purpose Annexation areas.

The fines are anywhere from \$500 - \$2000 for each individual firework. Each case is different and it would be up to a judge to determine the exact amount. Warnings are no longer used because of the seriousness of the firework laws.

There are inspectors and investigators from the Fire Marshal's office who patrol the City starting 10 days before the new year to remind people of the laws and to answer questions. If there are any fireworks found, they will be confiscated.

If a minor is caught with fireworks, the parent or guardian will receive the fine even if they were unaware of the minor's possession and/or usage. HFD also reminds citizens that "sparklers" are fireworks and all fireworks are illegal to discharge or to have in your possession in the City of Houston.

Citizens should report all complaints regarding the illegal use of fireworks directly to the HPD Tel-communicator (non-emergency line) at 713-884-3131. If the citizen believes that there may be a fire and/or medical emergency related to the use of fireworks, he/she should dial 9-1-1 and request the HFD.

LPA Maps may be found on the HFD Website at
www.houstontx.gov/fire/news/fireworks.html

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