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DEM Urges the Public to Leave Holiday Fireworks to the Professionals

With many people choosing to enjoy a long Independence Day weekend, the Division of Emergency Management / Homeland Security are reminding Nevadans and visitors to refrain from using consumer fireworks when celebrating. Due to excessive heat, exceptional drought conditions and continuing extreme fire danger, fireworks pose wildfire risk when they are in the wrong hands.

Despite the dangers of fireworks, few people understand the associated risks – structure, vehicle, wildland fires along with devastating burns, other injuries, and even death. Even sparklers can be harmful. These “store bought” ground-based fireworks can often results in serious burns, hearing loss and other injuries.

“Fireworks are a traditional part of America’s Fourth of July celebration, yet every year people take needless risks when they celebrate,” said DEM Chief David Fogerson. “Officials want everyone to enjoy fireworks at public venues conducted by professionals, and not to use any fireworks at home, in public or while camping.” With the below-normal rainfall this year, heat warnings and drought conditions, our grass and other light fuels are dried to a point where they’re susceptible to ignition by fireworks.”

Leave fireworks shows to the professionals, and have a SAFE Fourth of July.

For more information on fireworks safety, please visit [National Fire Protection Association - Fireworks Safety Tips](#) or [Nevada Division of Emergency Management - Preparedness](#)

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