



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MEDIA RELEASE



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TOPIC: Citywide July 4th Safety Enhancement Zone - Fireworks Prohibited -Triple Fines Penalties

All Fireworks Prohibited in City of Santa Cruz - Citywide Safety Enhancement Zone Violations subject To Triple Fine Penalties June 30 through July 5

With thousands expected to visit Santa Cruz over the upcoming Independence Day holiday weekend, the Santa Cruz City Council has taken steps to ensure the City remains safe and clean for everyone. A citywide Safety Enhancement Zone will be in effect from Friday June 30th at 5:00 pm through Wednesday July 5th at 8:00 am.

The safety enhancement designation includes tripling the fees for violations of the City's municipal code, such as the illegal discharge of fireworks, littering, and public consumption of alcohol. Residents and visitors are reminded it is illegal to possess, discharge, or sell fireworks in the City of Santa Cruz.

Every year, people are seriously injured, property is damaged, and the risk of fires increases due to the illegal use of fireworks. Drought and windy conditions create a more significant potential for fires caused by fireworks in wildland and urban spaces.

Santa Cruz Police will be out in force the days leading up to and on July 4 to ensure that community members and visitors enjoy a safe holiday experience. Every available officer will be proactively enforcing all violations designated for triple fines under the Safety Enhancement Zone.

A few assigned triple fines, violations include: Fireworks possession, Possession of Open Containers or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in Public Places, Graffiti, Noise Violations, Trespassing and Misconduct on Public Property.

Santa Cruz Police and Fire Department would like to remind residents and visitors that all fireworks, including those marked "Safe and Sane," are ILLEGAL in the City of Santa Cruz.

If you witness the discharge of illegal fireworks, the Santa Cruz Police encourages you to call the non-emergency line 831-471-1131 to report the incident. Patrol teams will be busy, but we will respond to complaints of illegal fireworks. We rely on our partnership with the community to keep us all safe this 4th of July.

Additional information, contact: [Joyce Blaschke](#) | SCPD Media & Community Relations | (831) 420-5844

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EVEN THE SAFE AND SANE VARIETY, ARE BANNED.

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EN LA CIUDAD DE SANTA CRUZ

