

New Fireworks Law for PA- Police are Concerned

The Lower Makefield Police will be strictly enforcing all conditions of the new fireworks regulations. The use of explosive material in the hands of irresponsible individuals can be deadly. Anyone found in violation of the "Use of Consumer Fireworks" law will be charged appropriately and all materials confiscated.

Use of consumer fireworks.

(a) Conditions.--A person who is at least 18 years of age and meets the requirements of this article may purchase, possess and use consumer fireworks.

(b) Prohibitions.--A person may not intentionally ignite or discharge:

(1) Consumer fireworks on public or private property without the express permission of the owner.

(2) Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices within, or throw consumer fireworks or sparkling devices from, a motor vehicle or building.

(3) Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices into or at a motor vehicle or building or at another person.

(4) Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance or another drug.

(5) Consumer fireworks within 150 feet of an occupied structure.

Penalties. The following shall apply:

(1) A person using consumer fireworks in violation of the provisions of this article commits a summary offense and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.

(2) A person selling consumer fireworks in violation of the provisions of this act commits a misdemeanor of the second degree.

(3) A person selling display fireworks in violation of the provisions of this act commits a felony of the third degree

"Occupied structure." A structure, vehicle or place adapted for overnight accommodation of persons or for conducting business whether or not a person is actually present.