

FIREWORKS – Some Useful Information

Prescribed times for fireworks:

New Year's Eve	11pm – 1am
New Year's Day	7pm – 10pm
Christmas Eve	7pm – 10pm
Lag Ba'omer	7pm – 10pm
Chinese New Year	7pm – 10pm
Human Rights Day	7pm – 10pm
Freedom Day	7pm – 10pm
Guy Fawkes Day	7pm – 10pm
Hindu New Year	7pm – 10pm
Diwali	7pm – 10pm
Day of Goodwill	7pm – 10pm

Some Guidelines for the use of Fireworks:

1. It is illegal to buy fireworks from hawkers.
2. It is illegal to sell fireworks from a residential house.
3. Children can ignite fire-works only under adult supervision.
4. Fireworks should be ignited outdoors only.
5. Don't ignite fireworks on dry leaves, trees and flammable materials, or near animals.

BEWARE!

The DEADLY ONION BOMB firework is a professional standard pyrotechnic that can cause life-threatening injuries



POINTS TO PONDER:

1. Child labour is still used extensively in firework manufacture in India and China.
2. Nearly half of the fireworks produced in China fail to meet basic quality and safety standards.
3. Three sparklers together create the same heat as a blow torch.
4. Bottle rockets are highly dangerous as their flight path is erratic, and their explosive power is enough to turn a 'launch site' bottle or can, into shrapnel.
5. Using fireworks near animals is both cruel and inhumane as it causes immense fear and stress – and will incur a fine of R1 000.00

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