Fireworks are illegal in Tinley

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As residents across the country prepare to celebrate the Fourth of July, the Tinley Park Fire Department would like to remind everyone of the dangers of illegal fireworks. Important safety tips to remember include:

The best way to determine if firework material is acceptable in the Village of Tinley Park is this: If you need to light it, it's prohibited.

Don't let young children play with fireworks under any circumstances. Sparklers, although prohibited, are considered by many to be the ideal "safe" firework for children. However, sparklers can burn at more than 1,800 degrees and can easily ignite clothing. Children can't understand the danger involved or act appropriately in case of an emergency.

Think about your pets. Animals have sensitive ears and can be extremely frightened by fireworks. Keep your pets indoors to reduce the risk they'll get loose or be injured.

Above all, please remember that fireworks are prohibited in Tinley Park. For more information, please visit the <u>Consumer Product Safety Commission</u> <u>website</u>.