

Many residents of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's use family fireworks for recreational purposes at various times during the year, including Canada Day and New Year's Eve. Although fireworks can be quite enjoyable, given they are classified as an explosive device, they can also present inherent hazards if used improperly.

Fireworks can also be quite annoying to some members of the community and in particular they are alarming to pets. When using family fireworks, residents need to be conscious of their own personal safety, the safety of the surrounding areas, and cognizant of their neighbors too.

#### **Follow the Law**

All residents must follow the provincial regulations when using fireworks. The Newfoundland and Labrador Regulation 45/12; Fire Protection Services Regulations; states:

*A person shall not discharge or display family fireworks unless that person*

- (a) is over 18 years of age;*
- (b) Discharges fireworks in accordance with instructions printed on each item or package;*
- (c) Exercise care and caution in the discharge of those fireworks.*

The Town of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's would like to ensure all residents enjoy their celebrations but that they do so safely. We ask that you review the following guidelines for the safe use of your family fireworks.



For more information on fireworks or safety,  
please contact the  
**Portugal Cove - St. Philip's  
Volunteer Fire Department**

(709) 895-8000 ext.257

[pcsp@pcsp.ca](mailto:pcsp@pcsp.ca)

Or visit the Town website:

[www.pcsp.ca](http://www.pcsp.ca)



## **Portugal Cove St. Philip's**



### **Family Fireworks Safety Guidelines**

**Follow  
Provincial  
Regulations**

Regarding the purchase, possession and use of family fireworks.

**Only Purchase  
Authorized  
Fireworks**

From outlets holding a proper permit for the sale of family fireworks.

**Store  
Fireworks  
Properly**

In a cool, dry location secure from children. The maximum that should be stored in a dwelling is 10kg gross weight.

**Transport  
Fireworks  
Safely**

In the trunk or cargo area of your vehicle. DO NOT smoke while loading, transporting, or unloading fireworks.

**Only Use  
Fireworks  
Outdoors**

Never use fireworks indoors; they are designed for outdoor use only.

**Choose a  
Clear Open  
Area**

Note the clearances indicated on each device, be aware of power lines and dry vegetation conditions.

**Read All  
Instructions**

On each device ahead of time. Familiarize yourself with the use and operation of each one.

**Check  
For Wind**

And discharge with the wind direction and away from spectators.

**Have  
Water  
Nearby**

Either with a charged hose or bucket filled and available for use.

**Keep  
Spectators  
Safe**

And at least 20 metres away or further as directed by the device instructions.

**Wear  
Proper  
Protection**

Proper eye protection and non-flammable clothing, never wear synthetic fibers such as nylon or polyester when firing.

**Keep  
Children  
Away**

Never let them handle or play with fireworks under any circumstances. Even sparklers burn at very high temperatures and can easily cause skin burns or ignite clothing.

**Use Care  
When Firing  
Fireworks**

Never put any part of your body over the firework at any time.

**DO NOT  
Attempt to  
Re-Light**

Fireworks that have misfired (duds). Wait 30 minutes and then place them in a bucket of water.

**Clean-up  
After the  
Show**

Wait 30 minutes after the display and check the firing area for duds and debris. Dispose of all in a pail of water.