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.

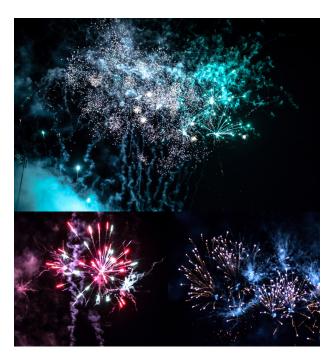
Follow the Law

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

Or visit the Town website: www.pcsp.ca





Family
Fireworks
Safety
Guidelines

Follow Provincial Regulations	Regarding the purchase, possession and use of family fireworks.	Choose a Clear Open Area	Note the clearances indicated on each device, be aware of power lines and dry vegetation conditions.	Wear Proper Protection	Proper eye protection and non– flammable clothing, never wear synthetic fibers such as nylon or polyester when firing.
Only Purchase Authorized Fireworks	From outlets holding a proper permit for the sale of family fireworks.	Read All Instructions	On each device ahead of time. Familiarize yourself with the use and operation of each one.	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.
Store Fireworks Properly	In a cool, dry location secure from children. The maximum that should be stored in a dwelling is 10kg gross weight.	Check For Wind	And discharge with the wind direction and away from spectators.	Use Care When Firing Fireworks	Never put any part of your body over the firework at any time.
Transport Fireworks Safely	In the trunk or cargo area of your vehicle. DO NOT smoke while loading, transporting, or unloading fireworks.	Have Water Nearby	Either with a charged hose or bucket filled and available for use.	DO NOT Attempt to Re-Light	Fireworks that have misfired (duds). Wait 30 minutes and then place them in a bucket of water.
Only Use Fireworks Outdoors	Never use fireworks indoors; they are designed for outdoor use only.	Keep Spectators Safe	And at least 20 metres away or further as directed by the device instructions.	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.