Residents reminded of fireworks laws for the Fourth of July holiday

LĪHU‘E – Kaua‘i Fire officials remind the public that fireworks and firecrackers may only be ignited on private property between 1 p.m. and 9 p.m. on July 4.

“It is illegal to set fireworks on public property, including streets, sidewalks, or parks,” said KFD Fire Prevention Capt. Jeremie Makepa. “In addition, removing the powder or pyrotechnic contents from any firework is prohibited.”

The public is also advised that all aerial luminaries, also known as flying lanterns or flying luminaries, are prohibited in the State of Hawai‘i, per HRS 132-19.

Because there are no firecracker vendors for the July 4 holiday, no permits will be issued. Only licensed pyro-technicians with proper permits are authorized to ignite aerial fireworks.

Although the following items are classified as fireworks, no permit is required to purchase them: snakes, sparklers, fountains, cylindrical or cone fountains, whistles, toy smoke devices, wheels and ground spinners, and other similar products.

The Fire Prevention Bureau advises everyone to exercise caution when igniting fireworks, follow listed instructions, and be sure that children are under adult supervision at all times.

For more information about fire safety, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 808-241-4985.

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