

# Can you tell the difference between Illegal Fireworks and Illegal Explosive Devices?

## It could save a life!

### Which fireworks are illegal in our state?

These are listed as Consumer Fireworks but are illegal to sell, possess, and/or discharge within the State of Washington. They are legal to sell, possess, and/or discharge on tribal lands.

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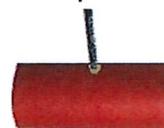
#### Sky Rockets and Missiles

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Illegal explosive devices are often wrongly referred to as fireworks because they look like large firecrackers, but they can have as much explosive power as a 1/4 stick of dynamite.

#### Mass-produced Homemade Devices Example: M-80's, M-100's, etc.



#### Homemade Explosives Example: Pipe Bomb & Tennis Ball Bomb



#### Altering consumer fireworks making an explosive device Example: Sparkler Bomb



## Do not handle explosive devices!!

**If possible, have the local bomb squad  
evaluate and pick up the device.**

Possession, manufacturing, or using illegal explosive devices is a **criminal offense** in Washington.

**Call the State Fire Marshal's Office at  
(360) 596-3946 for additional information.**



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## FIREWORK AND EXPLOSIVE DEVICES THAT ARE ILLEGAL IN WASHINGTON STATE

**Federally Legal Consumer Fireworks:** These items are legal to purchase, possess, and discharge only at an Indian Reservation. Possession and/or use off the reservation is illegal.

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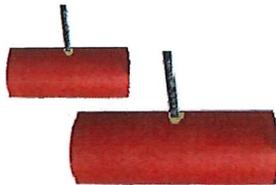
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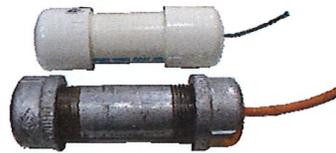
### M-80's, M-100's, etc.

Illegal since the 70's, an M-80 can contain flash powder, black powder, or a composition of materials that are sensitive to shock and can injure or kill people. Can do serious permanent damage to fingers, hands, and eyes.



### Improvised Explosive Device (IED)

A pipe bomb is an improvised explosive device, consisting of a tightly sealed section of pipe that is filled with an explosive material. The pipe provides containment, meaning that a low explosive can be used to produce a relatively large explosion.



A tennis ball bomb is an improvised explosive device consisting of a tennis ball filled with combustibles or pyrotechnic material with a fuse producing a loud explosion.



### Altered Firework

Sparklers are bound together in electrical or duct tape to contain the ignition of the sparklers, providing for a loud "whoomp" sound with a flash of light.

