



## BELMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

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### Decorative Sparklers are Prohibited in Massachusetts

The State Fire Marshal has advised the Belmont Fire Department that a Florida-based company, kingofsparklers.com has illegally made sales to residents and businesses in Massachusetts via their website.

Massachusetts law regulates and prohibits the offer for sale, possession, and use of sparklers, fireworks and similar products which are prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation as defined pursuant to MGL c. 148, section 39.



The Belmont Fire Department would like to bring this to the attention of our residents and business owners who may erroneously believe that these products may be used indoors, in spite of instructions on the package. There is a growing trend of using decorative sparklers and similar pyrotechnic devices inside homes, restaurants and clubs, as recently seen in the deadly nightclub fire in Switzerland.

**Under Massachusetts law, consumer sparklers and similar pyrotechnic devices are prohibited and are not permitted inside restaurants, clubs, or other assembly occupancies.**

If you are in possession of sparklers, fireworks, or other pyrotechnic devices, contact the Belmont Fire Department, Fire Prevention Division at 617-993-2207 to arrange for safe disposal of these items. In case of emergency, always dial 911.