



Victoria's Fireworks Bylaw a Benefit to Public Safety

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VICTORIA, BC — With Halloween approaching, the public is reminded that the City of Victoria Fireworks Bylaw prohibits the sale, possession or discharge of fireworks. The bylaw was introduced in 2007 to reduce the risk of injuries and property damage caused by fireworks in Victoria. In the past, irresponsible use of fireworks has resulted in property damage, injuries, pet stress, and an increase in nuisance calls to both Fire and Police departments.

The bylaw has been very effective in its two years, significantly reducing nuisance fireworks calls. There have been no reports of property damage or injury due to improper use.

The Fireworks Bylaw includes firecrackers, fireballs, Roman Candles, sky rockets, squibs, torpedoes, and any other explosive designated as a firework by regulation. Victoria Police enforce the bylaw and failure to comply will result in seizures and fines. Penalties are applied per incident with a minimum penalty of \$200 and a maximum of \$10,000.

Exceptions to the bylaw are available through an application for a special fireworks permit, and applications must be accompanied by proof of \$5 million liability insurance and a Fireworks Supervisor Certificate. For a copy of the Fireworks Bylaw visit: www.victoria.ca/common/pdfs/bylaw07-070.pdf

Victoria's densely populated neighbourhoods and invaluable urban forest are not conducive to neighbourhood fireworks displays as the risk of injury and property damage is much greater than in rural areas.

The City of Victoria wishes Victoria residents a safe and happy Halloween.

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