



# Crime Prevention Tips

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## Fireworks

It is essential to understand the legal ramifications regarding the use of fireworks. Under Colorado State Law the sales and use of “legal fireworks” cannot be prohibited in an unincorporated county area. Municipalities, under home rule, can adopt ordinances that are more restrictive than State Law including prohibiting sales, use, and possession of all fireworks within the city boundaries. Each year the careless use of fireworks contributes to personal injuries and large financial losses to property owners, insurance companies and the community. Use of fireworks could also result in criminal charges such as Arson and Reckless Endangerment as well as civil penalties for damages caused from the fireworks.

The City of Centennial has adopted ordinance 2004-0-17 section 10.10.30 which bans the sales, use, and possession of all fireworks within the city limits. Other cities in Colorado have adopted similar ordinances. The maximum fine for possession and use of fireworks within Centennial is \$1,000.00.

The use of “illegal fireworks” in unincorporated county areas is a Class 3 Misdemeanor and is punishable with fines up to a maximum of \$750.00 and/or up to six months imprisonment. The towns of Foxfield, Bennett and Deer Trail have not adopted their own fireworks ordinances, thus they fall under the same enforcement laws as Unincorporated Arapahoe County.

**To report fireworks violations call the Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office at (303) 795-4711. For all emergency situations, call 911.**

If you have any questions, contact Deputy Amir Stephen at (720) 874-3752, e-mail [astephen@co.arapahoe.co.us](mailto:astephen@co.arapahoe.co.us), or contact Deputy Brian McKnight at (720) 874-3750, e-mail [bmcknight@co.arapahoe.co.us](mailto:bmcknight@co.arapahoe.co.us).

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