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Man Injured By Illegal Firework

All Types of Fireworks Are Illegal In Las Vegas

A young man was injured yesterday while holding a firework and it exploded. The man was taken to University Medical Center's Trauma unit with a serious injury to his hand.

Fire dispatchers were notified at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday that a man was injured as a result of a firework exploding in his hand at the Crossings Apartments on the corner of West Lake Mead Boulevard and North Jones Boulevard.

On arrival, firefighters treated the injured man on scene and then he was taken to UMC by ambulance.

The man told fire investigators he lit the firework inside his apartment and was going to take it outside, but before he could, it exploded in his hand.

Any type of firework is illegal in the city of Las Vegas throughout the year, except during the period June 28 through July 4, when "Safe N Sane" fireworks are legal for sale at approved permitted fireworks booths.

Any type of firework that explodes, flies through the air or twirls on the ground is illegal at all times of the year. That is because they cannot be controlled and they are unpredictable, as this one was. Both sale and use of these types of fireworks are illegal in the city of Las Vegas throughout the year.

On June 28, Safe N Sane fireworks will go on sale for the Independence Day holiday period.

To remind the public of the proper and illegal use of fireworks, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue will be holding its annual Media Safety Awareness Demonstration Monday, June 27, at Fire Station One downtown. The event is held so the news media can use the information to pass on to the public about fireworks safety and what is legal and illegal to use. The department also will use social media to remind the public about fireworks safety on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). Parts of the media demonstration June 27 will be broadcast live on the department's [Facebook](#) page and will be available for playback. Fireworks safety tips will be posted in June on the department's Web page at www.lasvegasfire.org.

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