

Celebrate the 4th of July Safely!

Bushes, bark dust, your apartment building – these are just a few things that could go up in flames due to fireworks. Every summer firefighters respond to numerous fires caused by the improper use and handling of fireworks (legal and illegal).

Your firefighters see serious injuries and property loss caused by fireworks every year on and around the Fourth of July.

This is a good time to remind tenants about the dangers of fireworks – both legal and illegal. Ensure your tenants understand the laws and the risks associated with the use of fireworks and that “just because they’re legal, doesn’t mean they’re safe”.

We’re concerned and we need your help!
Here’s what you can do to help make this a safer July 4th:

Attend a public fireworks display

Skip the trip to the fireworks stand and attend a public display. This is the SAFEST way to enjoy fireworks.

Observe bans and restrictions

In unincorporated Snohomish County and Brier, Fireworks can only be discharged on July 4th from 9 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.

Fireworks are not allowed in parks or on school property. If you have any questions about restriction in your area, contact your local fire department jurisdiction.

Don’t use or tolerate illegal fireworks

Be a good neighbor and a good citizen. Don’t use illegal fireworks and don’t tolerate the use of illegal fireworks by family members, friends or partygoers. Fireworks purchased on tribal lands, out of the state or over the Internet may be illegal. Firecrackers, bottle rockets and skyrockets are **ALL** illegal to possess and discharge.

Eviction Enlightenment Ask Eviction Swami Johnananda



Landlord: “Oh great and wise Swami, why does a Registered Process Server need to serve a Summons & Complaint upon the defendant?”

Eviction Swami Johnananda: “My child, it’s Washington State Law. RCW 18.180.010 (c) states any Process Server must be registered with the auditor of the county in which the process server resides or operates his or her principal place of business. Also, any Plaintiff cannot serve (deliver) a Summons and Complaint to the defendants because they are a party to the case, or a member of a corporation or organization that is a party.”

***For more wisdom from Eviction Swami Johnananda go to www.orcainformation.com*



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Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them.



**In observance of 4th of July,
Our office will be closed on Monday, July 4**



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Safe Summer

Summer is here and school is out!

Schools in the surrounding counties are on the cusp of being released, so the neighborhoods will be populated with juveniles throughout the daytime hours. Keeping this in mind, please remind residents to try to be watchful of their speed in and out of the neighborhood. Summertime often brings complaints of vehicles “nearly missing” young children. On the subject of juveniles, the state statute on unruly juveniles provides some legal guidelines for young ones being out at night. A second specific summer issue is juveniles (those under 17) being out on public streets or property (unsupervised) between midnight and 5 am. While everyone wants our youth to enjoy their summer freedom, the police departments receive a large volume of calls concerning juveniles loitering at night.

Also, please remind residents that summer time usually brings an overall uptick in criminal activity. Having said this, a great deal of summer time crime is preventable. The local Police Department recommends residents of all neighborhoods to be vigilant in locking home and car doors and securing all windows. Please remind citizens that securing their home and vehicle(s) is a proactive step that greatly increases the likelihood that they will not be a victim of crime.

As always, please let residents know they are encouraged to dial 911 at the first sign of suspicious activity. We also encourage residents to be vigilant and contact local authorities of any suspicious activity within their community. Your local Neighborhood watch is never a replacement for dialing 911, they are a great medium for alerting the community of potential criminal activity around them.

Thank you for your help in making Summer 2011 a safe one!

Personal and Apartment Safety Check List

If you answered “NO” to any of the following questions, consider a change in behavior to increase your security and consider implementing some of these strategies.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you keep doors and windows locked at all times? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have a peephole so that you can see who is outside without having to open the door? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> If a stranger asks to use your phone, do you refuse to let them into your home and offer to make the call your self? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you always have your keys ready when approaching your home? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> If you return home to find windows and doors tampered with, would you avoid entering and go to a neighbor’s house to call the police? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you refer unknown persons seeking entrance to the manager? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you report suspicious activities to the manager or police? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you advise the manager of any travel plans and request apartment checks and mail pick-up? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you store valuable property in your apartment locker? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Are doors fitted with dead-bolt locks? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Are your doors of solid construction? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Do your doors fit their frames snugly? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Are strike plates properly secured? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have key locks on inside doors within arms reach of windows? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Are door hinges vulnerable? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you lock your porch and garage? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you lock your doors when away from home for short periods? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you lock the doors out of site when working in the yard? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you avoid leaving keys hidden near access doors? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Are your windows fitted with locks and do you lock them? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Are sliding doors and windows secured with a track pin or Charlie Bar? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you keep tools, ladders, etc. in place inaccessible to potential burglars? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you light the outside of your home to discourage prowling or loitering? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> When you move to a new residence do you hire a reliable locksmith to re-key all locks? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you change your locks immediately if your keys are lost or stolen? |

Orca wishes you a safe and happy summer!