



OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

4TH OF JULY SAFETY BULLETIN

WHEN TO CALL 911 ON THE 4TH OF JULY

As we celebrate Independence Day, it's important to keep our community safe by using emergency services responsibly.

Call 911 only for true emergencies. Here are situations when it's appropriate to make that call:

Fireworks-Related Injuries

Call 911 immediately if someone is seriously injured—especially in cases of burns, amputations, or eye injuries.

Fires

Report any fire started by fireworks, no matter how small. Quick response is key to preventing spread.

Serious Medical Emergencies

Call if someone is having a heart attack, stroke, severe allergic reaction, difficulty breathing, or any life-threatening condition.

Violence or Personal Threats

If there are fights, assaults, or other dangerous disturbances, call 911 right away.

Drunk or Impaired Driving

If you suspect someone is driving under the influence, report it to 911 to prevent a potential tragedy.

Reckless Fireworks Use

If fireworks are being launched dangerously—toward people, homes, or dry brush—call immediately.

Missing Children

Report missing children or vulnerable individuals immediately.

Any Immediate Danger to Life or Property

If the situation could escalate rapidly or endanger others, don't hesitate—call 911.

For Non-Emergencies:

Noise complaints, frightened pets, or minor injuries should be directed to **non-emergency numbers** for local police or fire departments.

- Ada County Non-Emergency (208) 377-6790
- Canyon County Non-Emergency (208) 454-7531
- Gem County Non-Emergency (208) 365-3521

Remember:

Saving 911 for true emergencies helps ensure that first responders are available when every second counts.

Stay safe, be smart, and enjoy the 4th of July responsibly!