

FIREWORKS

During the festive season many residents shoot off fireworks within the municipal boundaries without the permission of the Chief Inspector. This can cause a fire hazard, disturbance owing to the loud noise and, in severe cases, injury.

What are fireworks?

There are different kinds of fireworks, such as firecrackers, starlights and rockets.

- Firecrackers are available in a wide variety of sizes, from tiny crackers to so-called bomb crackers, which are the most dangerous when not used with great caution. Most injuries occur because people do not read the instructions on the wrapper. Children should not be allowed to shoot off any kind of fireworks without the strict supervision of a responsible adult.
- Starlights are sparkling sticks, like the ones used by restaurants on birthday cakes. They are a safer kind of pyrotechnic for adults and children to use.
- Rockets are a fairly safe type of pyrotechnic if the instructions on the wrapper are followed correctly. A rocket that did not shoot off the first time must not be relit. To be safe, such rockets must be placed in a bucket of sand and thrown away.

Why do people like to use fireworks?

There is no simple answer to this question. For some reason or other some people simply like the loud noise crackers make. It remains a mystery why people get a thrill from shooting off crackers just to get a reaction from others. Some inconsiderate fireworks users will even shoot off a cracker near small children and/or animals.

Rocket shooters like to entertain their family and friends. This is not a problem, because the beautiful light made by the rocket really draws attention. By looking at the different colours made by various rockets one can be swept away to a wonderland of bright, colourful shooting light.

Some parents like giving their children a lighted starlight stick to enjoy their reaction. Most children like to wave the lighted starlight around and are transfixed by the lovely sparkles it makes, but some children may be frightened by it. Parents should therefore be careful that their children do not throw burning starlights onto flammable material such as dry grass.

Where may fireworks be shot off?

Nowhere! No fireworks may be discharged on private residential premises within the municipal boundaries of Midvaal.

Council may grant written permission and any conditions that it may attach for the approval of private discharge of fireworks and on the following sites only:

- Sports fields not owned by the controlling authority, provided that written approval is obtained from the owner beforehand.
- Small holdings, provided that, in the opinion of a member of Fire Brigade Services, the vegetation, shrubs and/or crops on the smallholding under consideration permit the discharge.
- Any other suitable open spaces not owned by the controlling authority.

The private discharge of any fireworks must be supervised by a responsible person older than 18 years.

Is it legal to shoot off fireworks?

No, unless you have written permission from Council of its decision and any conditions that it may attach to the approval..

The following regulations make the discharge and handling of fireworks illegal:

- Regulation 9.18(d) of the *Government Gazette*, 1972 (Regulation 1604 of 1972), prohibits the selling of fireworks to a person under the apparent age of 16.
- Regulation 19.9 of the *Government Gazette*, 1972 (Regulation 1604 of 1972), prohibits children under the age of 16 to handle fireworks without adult supervision.
- Regulation 10.34(c) of the *Government Gazette*, 1972 (Regulation 1604 of 1972), prohibits the use of fireworks in a public place without the permission of the local authority.
- Chapter 3 Section 26 of the Midvaal Local Municipal Fire Brigade By-laws, 2007, prohibits the use of fireworks without the permission of the Chief Fire Officer.

Who enforces these regulations?

It is under the regulation of the Chief Inspector of Explosives according Act 26 of 1956 of the Act. It will be replaced by the new Act 15 of 2005 in this year.

The Fire Safety Section organises, coordinates and executes the following functions during the festive season:

- Enforcing legislation regarding fireworks.
- Ensuring the safety of the public at shopping malls and large shops with regard to safe evacuation in the event of fire or other hazards.
- The S.A.P.S (Chief Inspector of Explosives) is responsible for Law enforcement and registering of licences.

What happens if I contravene the regulations?

Anyone who by any act or omission contravenes the regulations will be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding R5 000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both, and the explosives, if any, may be confiscated, in which case the cost of their disposal will be borne by the accused.

What can I do when my neighbour or anyone else shoots off fireworks illegally?

If you can identify the person who shot off the firework and are willing to give a sworn affidavit and testify in a court of law, you may report the person to the Chief inspector of explosives Supt. v.d.Walt Sedibeng Tel. 016 362 0126

What is the effect of shooting off firecrackers on animals?

The National Council of the SPCA's plea to the public is:

Put animals first. If your dog can hear a grasshopper eat, imagine what a firecracker sounds like.

Their advice to safeguard animals during the festive season includes the following:

- Ensure that all pets are kept indoors.
- If a pet is particularly sensitive to loud noises, consult your veterinarian in good time to enquire about a prescription for a sedative. Homeopathic alternatives are also available.
- Put rabbits and other outdoor animals in a secure and quiet area such as an outbuilding.
- Close curtains and leave a TV or radio on to camouflage the noise from the fireworks.
- Ensure that all pets are properly identified. Enquire at your veterinarian or local SPCA about microchipping or, second best, a collar and tag.

What can I do to ensure that fireworks are shot off safely?

To help you celebrate safely this festive season, the Midvaal Local Municipality has the following safety tips for using fireworks (after obtaining written approval):

- Get a written approval from Midvaal Local Council.
 - Always read and follow the directions on the label.
 - Always have adult supervision.
 - Buy fireworks from reliable sellers.
 - Use fireworks outdoors only.
 - Always have water handy (a garden hose and a bucket).
 - Never experiment with or make your own fireworks.
 - Light only one firework at a time.
 - Never relight a dud firework. (If a firework does not go off, wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.)
 - Never allow small children to handle fireworks.
 - Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
 - Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water before putting them in a trashcan.
 - Never throw or point fireworks at others.
 - Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
 - Never shoot off fireworks in metal or glass containers.
 - Always wear eye protection when lighting fireworks and never have any part of your body over the lighted fireworks.
 - Stay away from illegal explosives.
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DILAKALAKA (FIREWORKS)

Lebakeng la go keteka mafelo a ngwaga bontšhi bja badudi bao ba dulago ditikologong tšeo di lego ka fase ga taolo ya mmasepala ba thuntšha dilakalaka ka ntle le tumelelo yeo e hweditšwego go Chief Inspector. Se se ka hlola kotsi ye kgolo ya mollo, tšhitelo ka baka la lešata le, mo go lego šoro, go ka ba le kgobalo.

Naa dilakalaka ke eng?

Go nale mehutahuta ya dilakalaka, bjalo ka dikhrikhethe, *distarlight* le dirokhete.

- Dikhrikhethe di hwetšwa ka mehuta ye mentšhi ya go fapafapana le bogolo, go tloga go tše nyennyane go fihla go tšeo di bitšwago dikhrikhethe tša pomo, tšeo di lego kotsi kudu ge di ka se šomišwe ka tlhokomelo ye kgolo. Bontšhi bja dikgobalo bo hlolwa ke gore batho ga ba bale ditaelo tšeo di ngwadilwego mo sephuthelong. Bana ga ba dumelelwe go thuntšha dilakalaka ntle le ge go nale motho yo mogolo wa go ba le maikarabelo yo a ba hlokometšego.
- Di-*starlight* ke dikotanyana tša go phadima, tša go swana le tšeo di šomišwago ke diresturente go kgabiša dikuku tša matswalo. Tšona ke mohuta wo bolokegilego wa di-*pyrotechnic* wo o ka šomišwago ke batho ba bagolo le bana.
- Dirokhete ke mohuta wo o bolokegile ka tshwanelo di-*pyrotechnic* ge fela ditaelo tšeo di lego sephuthelong di ka latelwa ka tshwanelo. Rokhete yeo e sa thuntšhago lekga la pele ga e a swanela go thumašwa gape. Gore o bolokege, dirokhete tše bjalo di swanetše go lokelwa ka kgamelong yeo e nago le mabu gomme di lahlwe.

Goreng batho ba rata go šomiša dilakalaka?

Ga go karabo ye bonolo ya go ka araba potšišo ye. Ba bangwe ka mabaka ao a rileng ba no rata lešata le legolo leo le dirwago ke dikhrikhethe. E sa no ba mohlolo go kwišiša go re ke ka baka la eng batho ba thakgatšwa ke go thuntšhwa ga dikhrikhethe go tšhikinya maikutlo a ba bangwe. Bathuntšhi bao ba sa naganelego ba bangwe ba no thuntšha dikhrikhethe kgauswi le bana le/goba diphoofolo.

Bathuntšhi ba Dirokhete bona ba rata go thabiša ba malapa a bona le bagwera. Se ga se bothata, ka gore lesedi le le botse leo le dirwago ke dirokhete le nale kgogedi. Ka go lebelela mebala ya go fapafapana yeo e dirwago ke dirokhete tša go fapafapana motho a ka ikhwetša a išitšwe kgole ke go thunya ga lesedi la go kganya le la mebalabala.

Batswadi ba bangwe ba fa bana ba bona *distarlight* tšeo di thumašitšwego go ipshina ka go

šišinyega maikutlo a bona. Bontšhi ba bana ba rata go phagamišetša di-starlight tšeo di tšhumilwego godimo le fase ba tsepeletše ka mahlo dihlase tše botse tšeo tšwago fao, eupša ba bangwe bana ba a di tšhaba. Batswadi ka go rialo ba swanetše go hlokomela gore bana ba bona ga ba lahlele di-starlight tšeo di tukago mo dilong tša go swara mollo bonolo go swana le bjang bjo bo omilego.

A naa dilakalaka di ka thuntšhetšwa kae?

E sego felo! Ga go dilakalaka tšeo di swanetšego go thuntšhwa mo dikagong tša poraebete tšeo go dulago batho tšeo di lego ka tikologong ya mellwane ya Midvaal.

Ba Ditirelo tša Ditimamello ba ka fa lengwalo la tumelelo ka lengwalo ya go thuntšha dilakalaka mo mafelong fela ao a latelago:

- Mapatlalo a dipapadi ao e sego a mmušo, ge fela e le gore lengwalo la tumelelo le hweditšwe pele ga nako go tšwa go mong.
- Dikhamphani tše nnyane, ge fela e le gore, go ya ka kgopolo ya leloko la ba Ditirelo tša Ditimamello, dibjalwa, mehlašana le/goba dimela tšeo di lego lefelwaneng leo go bolelwago ka lona le kwana le seo.
- Sekgala se sengwe le se sengwe sa maleba seo se lego molaleng gomme se sa wele ka fase ga bolaodi bja fao.

Go thuntšhwa ga dilakalaka go swanetše go hlokomelwa ke motho yo mogolo yo a nago le maikarabelo wa go ba le mengwaga ya go feta ye 18.

A naa go molaong go thuntšha dilakalaka?

Aowa, ka ntle le ge o humane lengwalo la tumelelo go tšwa go ba Ditirelo tša Ditimamello.

Melawana yeo e latelago ke yona e dirang gore go thuntšhwa le go swarwa ga dilakalaka go se be molaong:

- *Regulation 9.18(d) of the Government Gazette, 1972 (Regulation 1604 of 1972)*, e ganetša go rekišetšwa ga motho yo mengwaga ya gagwe e bonalago e le ka fase ga ye 16 dilakalaka.
- *Regulation 19.9 of the Government Gazette, 1972 (Regulation 1604 of 1972)*, e ganetša bana ba mengwaga ya ka fase ga ye 16 go swara dilakalaka ba sa hlokomelwa ke motho yo mogolo.
- *Regulation 10.34(c) of the Government Gazette, 1972 (Regulation 1604 of 1972)*, e ganetša tšhomišo ya dilakalaka mo lefelong la setšhaba ka ntle le tumelelo ye tšwago bolaoding bja fao
- Karolo 3 karolwana 26 ya Midvaal Local Municipality Fire Brigade By-Law, 2007 e thibela

tshebediso ya difireworks ka ntle ho tumello ya Chief Fire Officer. .

Ke mang yo a gapeletšago gore melawana ye e latelwe?

Ke ka tlatsa tsimiaso ya Chief Inspector of Explosives ho ya ka molao 26 ya 1956 ya tsamaiso. E tla nkelwa sebaka ke malao o motjha wa 15 ya 2005 selemong sena..

Ba Karolo ya Polokego ya tša Mello ba rulaganya, go sepediša le go phethagatša mešomo yeo e latelago lebakeng la maikhutšo a mafelo a ngwaga:

- Go gapeletša peomelao ye mabapi le dilakalaka.
- Go netefatša polokego ya setšhaba mo ditikatikong tša mabenkele le mabenkeleng a magolo mabapi le go iphološa ka go tšwa lefelong ge go tuka goba go hlagile dikotsi tše dingwe.
- S.A.P.S Chief Inspector of explosives o ikarabela bakeng sa ho boloka toka ke phumantsho ya mangolo le boingodiso.

Go tla direga eng ge nka tshela melawana ye?

Mang goba mang yo ka go diragatša goba go se diragatše a ka tshelago melawana ye o tla bonwa molato wa bosenyi gomme a lefišwa faene yeo e sa fetego R5 000 goba a golegwa lebaka leo le sa fetego dikgwedi tše tshela goba dikotlo tše ka bobedi, le gona dithuthupi (explosives), ge eba di le gona, di tla amogwa, moo e lego gore ditshenyegelo tša go lahlwa ga tšona di tla lefiwa ke molatofatšwa.

Ke direng ge moagišane waka goba motho yo mongwe fela a thuntšha dilakalaka ka tsela yeo e sego ka molaong?

Ge o ka kgona go lemoga motho yo a thuntšhitšego dilakalaka ebile e le gore o ikemišeditše go ikana ka afafiti le go fa bohlatse ka kgorong ya tsheko, gona o ka bega ka ga motho yoo kua Lefelong la Ditirelo tša Taolo ya tša Tšhoganyetšo ka go letšetša motato go Chief Inspector 016 362 0126

A naa go thuntšha dilakalaka go ama diphoofolo bjang?

Kgopelo ya Khansele ya Bosetšhaba ya SPCA setšhabeng ke gore:

Diphoofolo a di tleng pele. Ge mpša ya gago e kgona go kwa tšie e eja, nagana fela gore go tla ba bjang ka modumo wa dilakalaka.

Keletšo ya bona mo go babaleleng diphoofolo mo maikhutšong a a mafelo a ngwaga e akaretša tšeo di latelago:

- Netefatša gore diruiwa ka moka di dula di tswaleletšwe.
- Ge e le gore seruiwa se tloga se sa kwane le gannyane le mašata a godimo, gona ikopanye le ngaka ya diphoofolo ya gago e sale nako o botšiše ka ga taelo ya go hwetša seokobatšamahlaba. Kalafo ya *Homeopathic* le yona e gona.
- Tšea mebutla le diphoofotšwana tše dingwe tšeo di dulago ka ntle o di beye ka lefelong leo le bolokegilego leo le homotšego la go swana le ntlwana ya ka morago.
- Tswalla digaretene gomme o tlogele TV goba radio e lla gore e timeletše lešata la dilakalaka.
- Netefatša gore diruiwa tša gago ka moka o tla kgona go di šupa. Botšiša ngakeng ya gago ya diphoofolo goba SPCA ya kgauswi ka ga *microchipping* goba seo se latelago ka bokaone, kholoro le karatana ya boitsebišo.

Nka dirang go netefatša gore dilakalaka di thuntšhwa ka tsela yeo e bolokegilego?

Go go thuša go keteka ka tsela yeo e bolokegilego mo maikhutšong a a mafelo a ngwaga, Mmasepala wa Metsesetoropo ya Midvaal o fana ka maele ao a latelago a go šomiša dilakalaka (morago ga go hwetša lengwalo la tumelelo):

- Fumana lengolo la tumello ho tswa Masepala wa Midvaal lehae.
- Bala mme o latele ditaetšo tšeo di lego setlankaneng ka nako tšohle.
- Eba ka fase ga tlhokomelo ya motho yo mogolo ka nako tšohle.
- Reka dilakalaka go tšwa morekišing yo a tshepegago.
- Somiša dilakalaka ka ntle fela.
- Eba le meetse kgauswi ka nako tšohle (lethopo la go nošetša le kgamelo).
- O seke wa dira diteko ka dilakalaka goba wa itirela dilakalaka.
- Thumaša dilakalaka ka botee ka botee.
- O seke wa thumaša gape dilakalaka tšeo di sa hlamatsegego. (ge dilakalaka di sa thuntšhege, leta metsotso yeo e ka bago ye 15 go iša go ye 20 gomme o e ene ka gare ga kgamelo ya meetse.)
- O seke wa dumelela bana ba bannyane go swara dilakalaka.

- Boloka dilakalaka lefelong leo le fodilego, la go oma.
 - Lahla dilakalaka ka tshwanelo ka go di ena ka meetseng pele o ka di lahlela ka thining ya ditlakala.
 - O seke wa foša goba go šupa ba bangwe ka dilakalaka.
 - O seke wa lokela dilakalaka ka morabeng wa gago.
 - O seke wa thuntšhetša dilakalaka ka dikhontheineng tša thini goba tša galase.
 - Aparā digalase tša go šireletša mahlo ka nako tšohle ge o thumaša dilakalaka gomme o dire gore go se be le karolo efe goba efe ya mmele wa gago yeo e lego godimo ga dilakalaka tšeo di thumašitšwego.
 - Tlhokomologa dithuthupi tšeo di sego ka molaong.
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