



MINISTRY OF MINING, BLUE ECONOMY AND MARITIME AFFAIRS

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR MINING

PUBLIC NOTICE

USE OF FIREWORKS DURING DIWALI AND HINDU NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

This is to inform the general public that Diwali and Hindu New year celebrations will be held from Friday 1st November to Saturday 2nd November 2024. These festivities are traditionally celebrated with fireworks in authorized venues.

Consequently, the Hindu community is requested to ensure that fireworks displays are carried out within the requirements of the Explosives Act Cap 115 Laws of Kenya. Fireworks displays should be carried out in an orderly manner so that the general public are not inconvenienced. In this regard, the parties carrying out displays shall ensure that: -

1. The necessary permits to hold fireworks are obtained from State Department for Mining offices in Nairobi, Mombasa, Kisumu, Eldoret, Nakuru, Nyeri and Embu.
2. Fireworks are used only at the authorized venues such as clubs, hotels, temples, sports grounds, school compounds or any other venue as may be authorized by an inspector of Explosives.
3. The displays are held between 1900hrs and 2300hrs only during the authorized dates.
4. Display shells are limited to a maximum of four-inch caliber in all venues in urban and built-up areas except as may be exempted by an Inspector of Explosives.
5. Only qualified, experienced and sober persons shall be allowed to fire aerial shells and other aerial display fireworks.

Firework Dealers shall ensure that: -

1. Fireworks are not sold to any child who is below age Thirteen (13) years as doing so is an offence under Explosives Act, Cap 115.
2. Aerial display fireworks (Shells, Rockets, Roman Candles and Cakes) are sold to holders of permits to display fireworks duly signed by an Inspector of Explosives

We take this opportunity to wish the Hindu community a happy Diwali and a Prosperous New year.

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