

Friday, September 20, 2019
Change the Fireworks law please

Good Morning !

I'm happy to see that our lawmakers are working to make changes to the current Fireworks law. We all know that fireworks are dangerous for adults, children, pets and animals. I have two friends who lost fingers from fireworks.

This past July 4th, I had an issue with my neighbor setting off very loud fireworks very close to my house in the middle of the afternoon. I have an issue with my heart and the medicine I take makes me very tired. I was taking a nap when they set off the first firework. It was so loud and woke me up from a sound sleep. My heart was racing which isn't good. My dogs were freaked ! I went outside to see what was going on and they were setting off the fireworks right outside of my fenced yard. Also, they were drunk. I asked them to stop and they just laughed at me. I told them the law requires that fireworks should not be set off within 150 ft of a home. They didn't care. The homeowner texted me to let me know that they would stop but would be setting off more at 9:00. They completely disregarded my heart issue.

If you live in a development or in an area where houses are close together, 150 ft is not far enough. Sparks can land on a roof or tree and start a fire. Not, to mention, that some people setting off fireworks are drunk and can hurt themselves and others. So many people have pets that freak out from fireworks. Many dogs go missing on holidays when fireworks are involved. This law needs to be revised for the protection of everyone. Why do private citizens have to have access to fireworks? People don't follow the law and set them off at all hours of the day and night and any day of the year and anywhere that they feel like it. Police don't respond to complaints. Bottom line, the law needs to be changed to protect the majority of the citizens of Pennsylvania and not protect the people who are breaking the law !

Thank you !

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