Can you tell the difference between Illegal Fireworks and Illegal Explosive Devices?

It could save a life!

Which fireworks are illegal in our state?

These are listed as Consumer Fireworks but are illegal to sell, possess, and/or discharge within the State of Washington. They are legal to sell, possess, and/or discharge on tribal lands.

**Firecrackers**
Generally 1/4” x 1 1/2” or less that come in packs to large bricks. A firecracker makes a single “pop” sound. Many firecrackers strung together will make repetitive “popping” sounds.

**Bottle Rockets**
A firecracker type (tube) attached to a 12” long wooden stick. The stick is placed in a bottle and once lit, it rises into the air, travelling laterally before exploding.

**Sky Rockets and Missiles**
Similar to the Bottle Rocket, a Sky Rocket is attached to a stick or has fins and may have a plastic cap. A missile will have fins rather than a stick. Once lit, it ascends rapidly, high into the air where it explodes.

**Illegal explosive devices are often wrongly referred to as fireworks because they look like large firecrackers, but they can have as much explosive power as a 1/4 stick of dynamite.**

**Do not handle explosive devices!!**

If possible, have the local bomb squad evaluate and pick up the device.

Possession, manufacturing, or using illegal explosive devices is a **criminal offense** in Washington.

Call the State Fire Marshal’s Office at (360) 596-3946 for additional information.

**Mass-produced Homemade Devices**
Example: M-80’s, M-100’s, etc.

**Homemade Explosives**
Example: Pipe Bomb & Tennis Ball Bomb

**Alterng consumer fireworks making an explosive device**
Example: Sparkler Bomb