



MOGALAKWENA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### MOGALAKWENA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY STRENGTHENED REGULATIONS & ENFORCEMENT ON FIREWORKS THIS FESTIVE SEASON

As we enter the festive season, Mogalakwena Local Municipality has received numerous complaints from residents regarding the uncontrolled use of fireworks in residential areas often late at night and without consideration for neighbours. These activities disturb the peace and create serious safety risks for people, pets, wildlife and property.

To protect our communities, the Municipality will be implementing strengthened measures to regulate the use, sale and distribution of fireworks within our jurisdiction.

#### ENFORCEMENT MEASURES

1. Intensified enforcement of the Explosives Act (Act 26 of 1956), focusing on the illegal sale, possession, and distribution of fireworks within the municipal area.
2. Public awareness on safety, highlighting the dangers fireworks pose to children, the elderly, pets, and wildlife.
3. A reminder that the Explosives Act strictly prohibits the sale or discharge of fireworks without proper authorization.

Residents are urged to comply with these regulations to help create a safe and peaceful festive environment for all.

#### SAFETY TIPS WHEN USING FIREWORKS

1. Buy fireworks only from accredited and licensed sellers.
2. Supervise children at all times when fireworks are present.
3. Never discharge fireworks indoors.
4. Ensure fireworks are released away from people, houses, cars, and animals.
5. Do not attempt to re-ignite a "dud" firework it may explode unexpectedly.
6. Light one firework at a time.
7. Never create homemade fireworks.
8. Follow the instructions on the packaging carefully.
9. Do not light fireworks in containers of any kind.
10. Never use fireworks while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



Let us work together to ensure a safe, peaceful, and responsible festive season in Mogalakwena