

# Celebrate Independence Day safely in your mobile housing unit

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AUSTIN, Texas — July 4th is a time to enjoy the holiday and celebrate our nation's history. But nothing ruins a good time like endangering the people and facilities around you.

If you are currently living in a FEMA mobile housing unit or travel trailer, do not use fireworks anywhere near the unit or any other buildings or vehicles. Use of fireworks is never permitted inside a FEMA housing unit, even if the fireworks are labeled for indoor use.

Never give fireworks to children, and do not use fireworks if you've been drinking. Obey all local laws, and carefully read the fireworks' cautionary labels before igniting. If you have pets, they may be frightened by fireworks, so keep them indoors and avoid exposing them to the sound.

As with every other day of the year, FEMA units are licensed for occupancy only by people named in the license. Anyone else celebrating the holiday with you must make other lodging arrangements.

If you're in a commercial park, you are required to comply with all park rules. Be mindful of others and avoid causing excessive noise, participating in objectionable or improper conduct, or allowing dangerous activities. Please dispose of all trash and recyclable materials in proper receptacles.



If you grill food, be sure not to leave a hot grill unattended, and never grill indoors. Keep the grill far away from the unit and any flammable materials or structures.

If you're outdoors, remember to drink plenty of water throughout the day, even if you're not thirsty (alcoholic and caffeinated drinks don't count). Limit your exposure to direct sunlight, particularly between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and wear sunscreen.

Finally, watch those around you for signs of heat stroke — like hot and red skin, changes in consciousness, rapid and weak pulse, or rapid and shallow breathing — and call 911 if anyone appears affected or there are any immediate emergencies.

Remember, a safe celebration makes for a happy holiday.

For additional information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery, visit the Hurricane Harvey disaster web page at [www.fema.gov/disaster/4332](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4332), Facebook at [www.facebook.com/FEMAharvey](https://www.facebook.com/FEMAharvey), the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account at [www.twitter.com/FEMARegion6](https://www.twitter.com/FEMARegion6) or the Texas Division of Emergency Management website at <https://www.dps.texas.gov/dem>.

