



# Sky Lanterns Safety

Sky lanterns have become increasingly popular as a way to celebrate. However, they pose a serious fire safety hazard and their use is prohibited by National Fire Protection Association code requirements.

- »» The lanterns are made of oiled rice paper with a bamboo frame, materials that can easily catch on fire.
- »» A candle or wax fuel cell is used with the device.
- »» The lit flame heats the inside of the lantern, causing it to rise into the air.
- »» Once lit and airborne, it can travel over a mile in distance.
- »» Wind can affect the sky lantern, blowing the sides, forcing the hot air out and sending the flaming lantern back to the ground.
- »» These lanterns have the potential to cause fires.
- »» A flaming lantern can drop onto a rooftop, field, trees or power lines before the flame is fully extinguished.
- »» A destructive fire can result when a flaming lantern reaches the ground during dry conditions.
- »» Sky lanterns should not be used under any circumstances.

## Recent fires

A **sky lantern** landed on the canopy of a country club, igniting the canopy.

**Two sky lanterns** landed in forested land impacting valuable wildfire firefighting resources.



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