

PUBLIC NOTICE

USE OF FIREWORKS NEAR AIRPORTS

As we approach the festive season, the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji reminds every one of the importance of ensuring aviation safety when using fireworks.

Fireworks, when misused, can pose serious risks to aircraft, particularly during critical phases like take-off and landing. Any activity involving fireworks directed at or near aircraft endangers lives and is strictly prohibited.

Legal Consequences - directing fireworks at aircraft or within airport areas is a serious offence under Regulation 78 of Fiji's Air Navigation Regulations 1981. Offenders may face criminal prosecution.

Public Safety Guidelines

- 1. **DO NOT** direct fireworks at or near any aircraft or airport;
- 2. If you witness anyone doing this, **REPORT IT** immediately to the nearest Police Post or Station:

3. FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED:

- a. Within **5 kilometers** of Nadi and Nausori International Airports.
- b. Within 3 kilometers of any Domestic Airport.
- c. Beyond these zones, fireworks must not exceed 61m (200ft) above ground level.

Special Permissions for Fireworks

For the 2024/2025 New Year's festive period, limited use of fireworks in the prohibited zones will be allowed from:

- o 6:00PM Tuesday 31st December 2024 to 2:00AM Wednesday 1st January 2025.
- o Fireworks must:
 - Be conducted outside 500 meters from the approach and take-off paths of any airport runway.
 - Stay below 61 meters (200 feet) above ground level.

If you plan to conduct fireworks within restricted areas, you must coordinate with CAAF for an assessment to ensure air safety.



Note: Approval from CAAF does not cover permits required by other authorities for fireworks displays.

For clarifications, please contact the CAAF Ground Safety Department; email: ans.inspectors@caaf.org.fj or telephone: 999 5208/ 221 6826

Let's work together to ensure a safe and joyful festive season for everyone!