Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services Syd Stirling is urging Territorians to play it safe with fireworks to ensure Territory Day is a day of celebration, not tragedy.

Mr Stirling said while fireworks were an integral part of Territory Day celebrations on 1 July each year, they were only as safe as the person operating them.

"The safety performance of fireworks has improved over the past few years, but operators need to act responsibly when they set up and operate fireworks," Mr Stirling said.

"It's crucial that people reduce the risk of fire and injuries from fireworks by following a few simple safety tips."

To ensure your fireworks display is safe:

- Clear an area of 10 metres around your fireworks display and wet down surrounding gardens;
- Never ignite fireworks in a crowded place;
- Ensure children are supervised at all times;
- Never put fireworks in your pocket;
- Never throw dud fireworks in a fire. Pick them up with a shovel and place them in a bucket of water;
- Always use fireworks in accordance with manufacturers instructions;
- Store fireworks in a closed container away from petrol, ammunition, pool chemicals, matches and lighters.

Mr Stirling said fireworks were only allowed to be ignited on 1 July between 6pm and 11pm, and could only be sold on 29 – 30 June and 1 July between 9am and 9pm.