

# QC residents warned vs banned firecrackers

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Quezon City authorities warned the public against the sale and use of banned firecrackers this holiday season.

Elmo San Diego, chief of the city's Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS), said selling and using banned firecrackers like judas belt, whistle bomb, bawang, pla-pla, super lolo and other illegal firecrackers are prohibited under Republic Act 7183.

“Hangga’t maaari iwasan ang pagbebenta ng mga ilegal na firecrackers. Bawal ang mga yun at huwag na silang mag-attempt at baka makulong sila at mag-bagong taon sa kulungan,” said San Diego.

The Quezon City government has provided a checklist of requirements for the issuance of authority to display/sell for the retailer of firecrackers or pyrotechnic devices that will be coming from the Department of Public Order and Safety.

Among the requirements for the issuance to sell are mayor’s clearance, barangay clearance, police clearance, RTC/MTC clearance, authorization of dealership and fire safety inspection certificate.

City Ordinance 2618-2017 imposes a total ban on the use or play of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices in all public places of Quezon City during festivity or for any occasion, and providing penalties for violation thereof.