



SKY LANTERNS PROHIBITED FIRE DANGER



Sky lanterns, also known as Chinese lanterns or Wish lanterns are beautiful. But use of these air-borne lanterns is illegal in Broward County as well as many areas around the country and the world. They are a significant fire and wildfire risk, and environmentally unfriendly.

The use of Sky Lanterns is prohibited in Broward County, as per the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Amendments to the Fire Prevention Code.

Safety Awareness: Sky Lanterns, once ignited and released, become an uncontrolled, flying ignition source, whose direction of travel is dependent on the wind direction, which can change unpredictably.

- **The lanterns are made of oiled rice paper with a bamboo frame, materials that easily catch 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 in the air.**
- **Once lit and airborne, it can travel over a mile in distance.**
- **These lanterns have the potential to cause fires. A flaming lantern can drop onto a rooftop, trees, brush, or power lines before the flame is fully extinguished.**
- **A destructive fire can result when a flaming lantern lands during dry conditions.**
- **The remaining lantern parts are a risk for wildlife, become litter and are not environmentally friendly.**

