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The passing of 2020 offers hope for a brighter, happier, and healthier new year in 2021.

Unfortunately, restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic mean that we are not able to gather and celebrate a traditional New Year's Eve. The public health orders enacted in early December are still in effect and they limit our ability to gather and celebrate.

We want to continue the good work that San Franciscans have done in responding to COVID-19 and protecting our community.

- The safest thing to do is to celebrate with people you live with. You can also celebrate virtually with people outside your immediate household.
- Protect those who are more vulnerable in our social circles and in the community. You may not directly know those individuals, but your actions and decisions can affect their lives.
- We want to make sure our loved ones make it to the next holiday so that we can celebrate together in person next year.

- We encourage you to celebrate at home and limit participants to your primary household.

SF's Holidays at Home campaign offers guidance and safer options for San Franciscans to celebrate the holidays.

The official San Francisco New Year's Eve fireworks show has been canceled and there are no official NYE events in the City.

Please celebrate responsibly; don't drink and drive!

As a reminder, all fireworks are illegal in the City and County of San Francisco. Possession of illegal fireworks such as skyrockets, bottle rockets, roman candles, aerial shells, firecrackers, and other types that explode, go into the air, or move on the ground in an uncontrollable manner can cause injuries and fires. Even "Safe and Sane" Fireworks, such as firecrackers and sparklers, are considered illegal.

We are aware of the noise generated by fireworks and how that impacts many in our communities.

- If you feel it is necessary to call, noise complaints should be directed to 311
- If you see something, say something; call 911 to report fires, medical emergencies, and crimes in progress.

New Year's Eve is one of many events for which discretionary days off are cancelled for San Francisco Police officers. We will have additional officers on duty on NYE and the Department has plans in place to direct police resources anywhere in the City should the need arise.

The San Francisco Police Department would like to wish you all a happy and safe New Year and all the best in 2021.

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