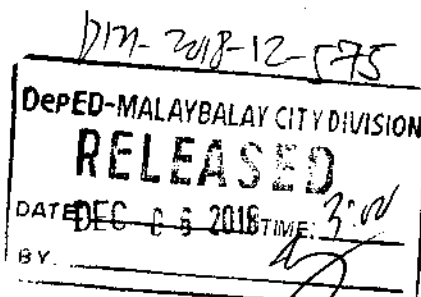




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education

DIVISION OF MALAYBALAY CITY



DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 575, s. 2018

**TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors, SGOD and CID
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
This Division**

FROM: REBONFAMIL R. BAGUIO
Schools Division Superintendent

DATE: December 4, 2018

SUBJECT: SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS MEASURES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

1. DepED Memorandum No. 159, s. 2015 re: Safety and Preparedness Measures During the Holiday Season, enjoins all schools to secure all properties, learning materials, and other important records from any possible occurrence of manmade or natural hazards and remind the learners and teachers that buying of firecrackers by minors is prohibited as stated in Section 4 of Presidential Memorandum Order No. 31, s. 2018 re: Directing the Philippine National Police and Other Concerned Agencies to Strictly Implement Existing Laws, Rules and Regulations on the Sale, Manufacture, Distribution and Use of Firecrackers and Pyrotechnic Devices .

2. All are advised to:

- Anchor the facilities built at ground level by guy wire to strengthen the stability of the structures;
- Store learning materials, teachers' manuals, vital records and equipment (fax, laptops, photocopies, TVs, VCRs, among other machines) in a safe place, preferably on an elevated room to ensure protection from rain or flood;
- Turn off and unplug electrical equipment and appliances;
- Ensure that windows and doors are locked, especially the storage rooms to protect the schools and offices from burglary;
- Prepare the classrooms for possible use as evacuation centers and ensure that the staff-in-charge of the keys are accessible;
- Prune trees to avoid entanglement from electrical wirings and avoid potential harm to life and property;
- Monitor weather updates and maintain open communication lines; and
- Coordinate with parents living within the school vicinity for the monitoring of any situation concerning the school.

3. School Heads are also advised to display the advocacy campaign of *No to Selling of Firecrackers to Children*.

4. Should there be queries, contact the Office through the Division DRRM Hotline number **0917 115 6864**.

Encl:

Enclosure A – Memorandum No. 31, s. 2018

Enclosure B – 3ft X 4ft Tarp Design

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 31

DIRECTING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES TO STRICTLY IMPLEMENT EXISTING LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE SALE, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF FIRECRACKERS AND PYROTECHNIC DEVICES

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 7183 contains illustrative lists of what comprises allowable firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices, and provides for the regulation and control of the manufacture, sale, distribution and use thereof consistent with, and in furtherance of, public safety, order and national security;

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Police (PNP) is primarily responsible for the administration and enforcement of the provisions of RA No. 7183;

WHEREAS, the said law authorizes the PNP to process applications for the issuance of licenses or permits of any person desiring to manufacture, sell or distribute allowable firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices, and to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to regulate and control their manufacture, sale, distribution and use, including the determination and review of the gun powder and other raw material content of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices;

WHEREAS, local chief executives are likewise authorized to promulgate the necessary rules and regulations on firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices within their territorial jurisdiction in conformity with the national standards, rules and regulations;

WHEREAS, Executive Order (EO) No. 28 (s. 2017) was issued providing for the regulation and control of the use of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices; and

WHEREAS, based on the report of the Department of Health, the Piccolo, a type of prohibited firecracker, is the top cause of firecracker-related injuries;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order the PNP, in coordination with other concerned agencies and the local government units, to carry out the following:

1. Conduct inspections to ensure that manufacturers, distributors, retailers and users of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices are in compliance with the safety guidelines, reportorial requirements and other requisites laid down under existing laws, rules and regulations including but not limited to RA No. 7183, its Implementing Rules and Regulations, and EO No. 28;

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2. Confiscate and destroy prohibited firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices as provided by law, rules and regulations, as well as firecrackers used outside community fireworks displays in violation of EO No. 28;
3. Cancel/revoke the licenses and permits, and confiscate the inventory or stock, of those found in violation of existing laws, rules and regulations;
4. Strictly enforce the prohibition on the sale of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices to anyone under 18 years of age; any buyer of firecrackers and/or pyrotechnic devices who is suspected to be below 18 years of age, but claims otherwise, shall be required to show proof of his age;
5. Strictly enforce the prohibition on importing finished firecrackers and fireworks under Section 6 of RA No. 7183; and
6. Suspend the processing of new licenses and permits for the manufacture, sale, and distribution of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices pending review of existing licensees' and permittees' compliance with laws, rules and regulations; provided that other permits necessary for the operations of such existing licensees and permittees (e.g. permit to purchase/import ingredients, permit to transport) may continue to be issued unless such entities are found to have violated the relevant laws and issuances. The suspension herein ordered shall remain in effect until declared lifted by the Office of the President upon recommendation of the PNP Chief and his submission of a report on the review undertaken on existing licenses and permits.

All other departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the government, including government -owned or -controlled corporations are directed to provide the support and assistance required in the implementation of this Order.

For strict compliance.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this **29th** day of **October** in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

[Handwritten signature] 

By the President:


SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA
 Executive Secretary



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Enclosure B to Division Memo No. _____, s. 2018 re: Safety and Preparedness Measures during the Holiday Season



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