



CALIFORNIA

CONSUMER FIREWORKS

Specifically permitted

Per APA Std. 87-1, the following items are permitted: ground & hand-held sparkling devices, cylindrical & cone fountains, wheel & ground spinners, illuminating torch, flitter sparkler, toy smoke device, party poppers and snappers.

Specifically prohibited

Firecrackers, skyrockets, rockets, roman candles, chasers, sparklers over 10" or ¼ diameter, surprise items, friction items, torpedoes, items resembling food, fireworks containing arsenic, phosphorus, thiocyanates magnesium (magnesium alloys permitted), mercury salts, picrates or picric acid, gallates or gallic acid, chlorates, (except those of alkali or earth metals), boron, titanium (except larger than 100 mesh), zirconium, gunpowder, and fireworks kits.

Selling period

Noon, June 28, through noon, July 6.

Sale

Items for sale must be of a type approved by the State Fire Marshal. Salesperson's minimum age is 18 years.

Age to purchase

16 years old

DISPLAY FIREWORKS

Display permit

Apply to State Fire Marshal prior to application to local authorities. After obtaining state license apply to local authorities at least 10 days before display date. "Special" state license authorizes multiple displays at single site only, \$350 fee. "Limited" state license allows holding of a single display at a single location, \$200 fee. "General" state license allows the holding and conducting of public displays of dangerous fireworks at various locations and at various times, \$1,500 fee. Public Display licenses must report all contemplated displays to State Fire Marshal before display date, and file a post display report with the CA SFM.

Insurance

Required. Minimum \$1,000,000 combined single limits (personal/property) per occurrence annually, may have \$15,000 deductible.

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Operator

State license required, apply to State Fire Marshal.
Fee \$75-\$250 dependent on license classification.
Written
exam and evidence as to qualifications and
experience is required.

MANUFACTURING, STORAGE, TRANSPORTATION

Fireworks must be classified and registered by the
State Fire Marshal. State seal of registration must
be applied to all classified fireworks. Labeling,
record keeping, transportation, manufacturing and
storage safety requirements specified in law.
Employees may be registered with the State Fire
Marshal.

LICENSING

State licenses required annually, apply to State
Fire Marshal. Valid July 1 through June 30 of the
following
year. Apply for renewal between January 1 and
May 1. License number to be affixed to each
order and invoice. Exception: retail license valid
only during selling period. Apply to State Fire
Marshal on or before June 15.

Manufacturer	\$ 1500
Wholesaler	\$ 3000
Importer/Exporter	\$ 4500
Retail Permit	\$ 50
Dealer in ag. items	\$ 500
Snap cap/party popper	
Distributor	\$ 750

ENFORCING AUTHORITY

State Fire Marshal
State of California
P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460
916-445-8373
<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/>

LAW NUMBER

State Health and Safety Code, Part 2, Chapter 1
Section 12500 et seq.
California Admin Code, Title 19, subchapter 6*

* 2008 version of CA Fireworks Law online at:
<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/strucfireengineer/pdf/fireworks/FireworksHandbook2008.pdf>