

# CONNECTICUT

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State Fireworks Law: Licenses and Permits for Fireworks Displays, Special Effects, Fireworks Shooters, Special Effects Shooters, Fireworks Distributors, Fireworks Manufacturers are governed by Chapter 541 Section 29-356 through 29-366 of the Connecticut General Statutes. State Fireworks Codes Referenced: Connecticut Explosives Code and USDOT, Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations

## State Fireworks Requirements

- Public Display Permit Required: YES - \$100.00 per permit - <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DESPP/CSP/files/dps0131cfillableform.pdf>
- Commercial General Liability Insurance Coverage: Minimum \$1,000,000 per occurrence (\*see Other)
- HazMat Transportation Insurance – DOT Compliant (1.4 – \$1M / 1.3 \$5M)
- State Transportation Permit Required: No
- Worker Compensation Insurance: Statutory
- Import/Export License to bring products into the state: No
- Wholesale License to purchase or sell products in the state: No
- Permit from Local AHJ for each display: No, State Permit Only
- Permit Filing Period for Local: 30 Days
- Permit Filing Period for State: 15 Days
- State Bond Required: No

## State Pyrotechnic Operator Requirements

- Website: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DESPP/DSP/FIU/sp141cpdf.pdf>
- Minimum Age: 21 years of age
- Minimum of Documented displays: 10
- Minimum Experience: 3 Years
- Letters of Recommendation: Yes, see below
  - 2 – Letters from licensed fireworks operators (1 must be from the State of CT)
  - 2 – Personal References
  - 1 – Letter from Chief of Police in your hometown
- Written Test Required: Yes (only on initial license application)
- Minimum Passing Score: 70%
- New Operator License Fee: \$100.00
- Renewal Operator License Fee: \$150.00

- Renewal Period for Licensed Operator: 3 Years
- OTHER Requirements:
- Insurance Requirement: Proof of Financial Responsibility filed with the State of CT Insurance Department (Form SP-884-C) Tel: 860-297-3869
- State Fire Marshal must approve all “Modifications” to any CT Explosives Code including any differences in display fireworks equipment or procedures.