

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**CONSUMER FIREWORKS**

Specifically permitted

Toy paper caps containing not more than 0.25 grain of explosive composition per cap, sparklers less than 20" in length, torches, box fire, fountains, cones, dip sticks, non-poisonous snakes, novelties, and colored lights.

Specifically prohibited

Firecrackers of any kind of description. Any fireworks that explode, (cherry bombs, salutes, roman candles, floral shells, artillery shells,) or intended to move after the piece is placed and fires (bottle rockets, parachutes, buzz bombs, pinwheels, helicopters, jumping jacks.) Sparklers more than 20" in length that contain dangerous chemicals, or any highly oxidizing agent. Fireworks having a side fuse, or a fuse inserted at any point along the length of the firework, and any firework found by the Fire Chief to be dangerous to the safety of any person or property.

**DISPLAY FIREWORKS**

Display permit

Must be approved by the Fire Chief, Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, Corporation Counsel, and Director of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.

Insurance

Required: \$1,000,000 Min. to \$3,000,000 Max.

Operator

License specifically required in city law.

**MANUFACTURE, STORAGE,  
TRANSPORTATION**

Apply to Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs for storage permit. Manufacture and storage of banned fireworks prohibited.

**LICENSING**

Apply to Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs for wholesaler or retail license. Minimum age for wholesale license 21 years.

**ENFORCING AUTHORITY**

Fire Marshal  
D.C. Fire Department  
Fire Prevention Division  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 370-N  
Washington, DC 20001  
202-727-1614

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