

# BUYING ILLEGAL PRODUCTS? NOT AN EXPLOSIVE IDEA

There are plenty of fireworks on the market that meet the important safety standards established by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. What should people look for when buying fireworks to help ensure they are safe?

First, find out what's legal in your state. Check out [www.americanpyro.com](http://www.americanpyro.com) and click on "state laws" for a summary of firework regulations in your state. Please note that some local jurisdictions may have regulations that differ from state laws.

Next, follow these tips for selecting safe fireworks:

- Check out the seller. Only buy from reliable fireworks sellers, not unlicensed dealers.
- Purchase wisely. Select and use only legal devices. It is a felony to purchase or use illegal explosives.
- Never purchase or use illegal explosives. Items such as M-80s, M-100s, blockbusters, and silver salutes have been banned in every state since 1966.
- Let the experts make fireworks. Avoid buying or using kits that are advertised for "make your own" fireworks.
- Protect your family & friends from harm. Contact your local police department if you are aware of anyone selling illegal explosives. You can also contact the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives at their toll free hotline, **1-888-ATF-BOMB**.

**Have a Happy & Safe Fourth of July!**

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