# ILLINOIS

## CONSUMER FIREWORKS

**Specifically permitted fireworks**

Novelty items including snakes or glow worms; smoke devices; trick noisemakers known as ‘party poppers’, ‘booby traps’, ‘snappers’, and sparklers.

The state fire marshal maintains a list, updated annually, of approved consumer fireworks.

**Specifically prohibited**

Handheld fireworks, bottle rockets, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, chasers, buzz bombs, helicopters, missiles, pin wheels, planes.

**Display permit**

Required. Apply to the local authorities at least 15 days before the display date. Site inspection by the local fire department required for approval of permit.

**Insurance**

Local authority may require.

**Operator**

Must successfully pass a Consumer Fireworks Safety training class approved by the State Fire Marshal on an annual basis. The class and test is given by the local authority. Local authority may require criminal background check.

**Sale**

Once an operator obtains a consumer fireworks display permit from the local authority, the operator may purchase approved consumer fireworks from a registered consumer fireworks retailer.

## DISPLAY FIREWORKS

**Display permit**

Required. Apply to the local authorities at least 15 days before the display date. Site inspection by the local fire department required for approval of permit.

**Insurance**

Local authority may require not less than $1,000,000. State requires all licensed pyrotechnic operators to be employed by a licensed pyrotechnic distributor who carries $1,000,000 general liability, $1,000,000 products liability and Illinois Workers Compensation insurance.
Operator Must be licensed by the State Fire Marshal, at least 21 years old, and employed by a licensed Pyrotechnic Distributor. Assistants must be at least 18 years old, employed by the licensed pyrotechnic distributor or production company or insured, and registered with the State Fire Marshal.

STORAGE Storage of display fireworks must comply with ATF regulations (25 C.F.R. § 555) and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources storage requirements. Storage of special effects, flame effects, and pyrotechnic services shall comply with NFPA 1126 as modified by state regulation, NFPA 160 as modified by state regulation, and NFPA 140. Safe plant location and storage areas specified in state law.

 LICENSING Pyrotechnic Distributor, $500; Outdoor Professional Pyrotechnic Operator, $100; Proximate Audience Pyrotechnic Operator (Outdoor and Indoor), $300; Flame Effect Pyrotechnic Operator $300; Limited Pyrotechnic Distributor (Political Subdivisions of the State Only) $50

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