



# PENNSYLVANIA

## CONSUMER FIREWORKS

Specifically permitted

“Ground and hand-held sparkling devices,” “novelties” and “toy caps” as defined in APA Standard 87-1 are not considered Consumer Fireworks under Pennsylvania Law and are therefore permitted and not regulated by the Fireworks Law. The sale and use of these items are permitted at all times.

Specifically prohibited

All others – Except that a display permit may be obtained from the municipality where the Consumer Fireworks will be used. (Same permit requirements as for Display Fireworks)

## Consumer Fireworks Retail Sales Requirements

Consumer Fireworks shall be sold only from facilities licensed by the PA Department of Agriculture.

Sales permitted to out-of-state residents.

PA residents holding a permit issued by a municipality for display or another authorized purpose may also purchase.

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## DISPLAY FIREWORKS

Display permit

Apply to local authorities.

Insurance

Required. Minimum \$500, in an amount deemed adequate by the local authority.

Operator

No license specifically required by state law. Must be deemed “competent” by local authority.

Business entity performing, providing, or supervising fireworks displays or exhibitions for profit must register annually with Attorney General.

## ENFORCING AUTHORITY

Any sworn Law Enforcement Officer.

Commander, Investigative Services Section  
Pennsylvania State Police  
1800 Elmerton Avenue  
Harrisburg, PA 17110  
717-783-5529

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