

CALIFORNIA

CONSUMER FIREWORKS

Specifically permitted	Consumer Fireworks not specifically prohibited (size limitations specified.)
Specifically prohibited	Firecrackers, skyrocketers, rockets, roman candles, chasers, sparklers over 10" or ¼ diameter, surprise items, friction items, torpedoes, items resembling food, fireworks containing arsenic, phosphorus, thiocyanates magnesium (magnesium alloys permitted), mercury salts, picrates or picric acid, gallates or gallic acid, chlorates, (except those of alkali or earth metals), boron, titanium (except larger than 100 mesh), zirconium, gunpowder, and fireworks kits.
Selling period	Noon, June 28, through noon, July 6.
Sale	Items for sale must be of a type approved by the State Fire Marshal. Salesperson's minimum age is 18 years.
Age to purchase	16 years old

DISPLAY FIREWORKS

Display permit	Apply to State Fire Marshal prior to application to local authorities. After obtaining state license apply to local authorities at least 10 days before display date. "Special" state license authorizes displays at single site only at any time, \$350 fee. "General" state license allows the holding and conducting of public displays of dangerous fireworks at various locations and at various times, \$200 fee. "General" and "Special" licenses must report all contemplated displays to State Fire Marshal before display date, and file a post display report with the California State Fire Marshal.
Insurance	Required. Minimum \$1,000,000 combined single limits (personal/property) per occurrence annually, may have \$15,000 deductible.
Operator	State license required, apply to State Fire Marshal. Fee \$75-\$250 dependent on license classification. Written exam and evidence as to qualifications and experience is required.

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**MANUFACTURING, STORAGE,
TRANSPORTATION**

Fireworks must be classified and registered by the State Fire Marshal. State seal of registration must be applied to all classified fireworks. Labeling, record keeping, transportation, manufacturing and storage safety requirements specified in law. Employees may be registered with the State Fire Marshal.

LICENSING

State licenses required annually, apply to State Fire Marshal. Valid July 1 through June 30 of the following year. Apply for renewal between January 1 and May 1. License number to be affixed to each order and invoice. Exception: retail license valid only during selling period. Apply to State Fire Marshal on or before June 15.

Manufacturer	\$ 1500
Wholesaler	\$ 3000
Importer/Exporter	\$ 4500
Retail Permit	\$ 50
Dealer in agricultural items	\$ 500
Snap cap/party popper Distributor	\$ 750

ENFORCING AUTHORITY

State Fire Marshal
State of California
P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460
916-445-8373
<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/>

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State Health and Safety Code, Part 2, Chapter 1
Section 12500 et seq.
California Admin Code, Title 19, subchapter 6