



Fireworks Safety Tips

Read and follow directions on fireworks packages.

Make sure only adults use fireworks.

Never give young children fireworks. Even sparklers can be unsafe if used improperly.

Do not point or throw fireworks at people or animals.

Use fireworks in an open area away from dry grass and other flammable materials.

Keep a bucket of water nearby for emergencies.

Do not re-ignite extinguished fireworks.

Do not attempt to repair broken fireworks.

Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.

Keep fireworks out of your pockets.

Remember: fireworks are not toys.

Fireworks burn at approximately the same temperature as a household match and can cause burn injuries and ignite clothing if used improperly



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Fireworks Permit



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What are Fireworks?

A device consisting of a combination of explosives and combustibles, set off to generate colored lights, smoke, and noise for amusement.

General Information

Application for a fireworks permit shall be made in writing to the Caroline County Fire Rescue at least 60 days in advance of the date of the display or discharge. In order for Caroline County Fire Rescue to approve any/all fireworks displays, the requested permits must have met or agreed to meet the following restrictions:

1. A minimum liability insurance certificate of \$200,000.00 must be secured. The County shall be named in addition to the insured on the certificate or proof of insurance.
2. The discharge site must be pre-approved by Caroline County Fire Rescue. This visit should be coordinated with the shooter if possible and conducted prior to approval of the permit application.

3. All handling, storage, discharge, and activities related to the fireworks must follow the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code and related standards.

4. The person in charge of the event, based on prior approval, is responsible for:

- a. Coordinating and/or providing adequate fire protection for the display.
- b. Arranging appropriate security and crowd control for discharge and display areas.
- c. Policing the fallout area after the display for the purpose of locating unexploded shells. The area is to be searched and rendered safe before allowing public access.

5. The person in charge of the event is responsible for the timely completion of all paperwork, site visits, show coordination, etc., to ensure the display will occur without delays or cancellation.



Fireworks Safety

Stay away from illegal explosives.

It is very important to know the difference between a legal consumer firework and a dangerous explosive device. Items such as M-80s, M-100s and blockbusters are not fireworks they are federally banned explosives that can cause serious injury or even death.

Don't purchase or use unlabeled fireworks.

Stay away from anything that isn't clearly labeled with the name of the item, the manufacturer's name and instructions for proper use. If you are aware of anyone selling devices that are not labeled, contact your local police department.

Don't make fireworks at home.

Homemade fireworks are deadly. Never attempt to make your own devices, and do not purchase or use any kits that are advertised for making fireworks. Mixing and loading chemical powders is very dangerous and can kill or seriously injure you.