



CALIFORNIA

CONSUMER FIREWORKS

Specifically permitted

Party poppers and snap caps, which can be sold year round.

Fireworks for sale must appear on the approved list issued annually by the State Fire Marshal's (SFM) office. In 2015, SFM approved various fountains, smoke balls, wheels, spinners, whistlers, and novelty items.

Specifically prohibited

Firecrackers, skyrocketes, rockets, roman candles, chasers, all wire & wooden stick sparklers, surprise items, friction items, torpedoes, firework kits, and fireworks containing arsenic, phosphorus, thiocyanates magnesium (magnesium-aluminum alloys permitted), mercury salts, picrates or picric acid, gallates or gallic acid, chlorates (with few excepts), boron, titanium (except particle sizes larger than 100 mesh), or zirconium.

Selling period

Noon, June 28, through noon, July 6.

Age to purchase

16 years of age

Age to sell

18 years of age

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 multiple displays at single site only, \$350 fee. "Limited" state license allows holding of a single display at a single location, \$200 fee. "General" state license allows the holding and conducting of public displays of dangerous fireworks at various locations and at various times, \$1,500 fee. Public Display licenses must report all contemplated displays to State Fire Marshal before display date, and file a post display report with the CA SFM within 10 working days of the display.

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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 \$50-\$250 dependent on license classification. Written exam and evidence as to qualifications and experience is required. Original operator's license will not be issued for the month of June unless the application was received in the State Fire Marshal's office on or before the preceding May 15th.

MANUFACTURE, 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.

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	\$ 1,500
Wholesaler	\$ 3,000
Importer/Exporter	\$ 4,500
Retail Permit	\$ 50
Dealer in ag. items	\$ 500
Snap cap/party popper Distributor	\$ 750

ENFORCING AUTHORITY

State Fire Marshal
1131 "S" Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

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

LAW NUMBER

Cal. Health & Safety Code §§ 12500 - 12728;
Cal. Code Regs. tit. 19 §§ 975 - 1053;
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State Approved Safe & Sane Fireworks.

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