



## MARYLAND

### CONSUMER FIREWORKS

Specifically permitted

Sparklers containing no chlorates or perchlorates, ground based sparkling devices that are non-aerial non-explosive and labeled in accordance with the requirements of CPSC, paper wrapped snappers containing less than 3/100 grains of explosive composition, and snakes that contain no mercury and are not regulated by DOT.

**Note:** retailers must submit products for testing and approval to State Fire Marshal's Office prior to sale.

Specifically prohibited

All others

### Consumer Fireworks Retail Sales Requirements

A permit is required to sell fireworks. Wholesale/distributor companies must register with the State Fire Marshal. All retail outlets must conform to the fire prevention codes for the state regarding ground based sparkling devices. Consumer fireworks are illegal in some towns and counties. Contact the local authority to determine whether retail is permissible. Local authorities also may require additional restrictions, permits, or fees.

Age to purchase

16 years

### DISPLAY FIREWORKS

Display permit

Apply to State Fire Marshal at least 10 days before display date. \$50 fee per display. A late fee of \$50 will be assessed for applications received within 10 days of the display. Display permits are needed for fireworks displays, pyrotechnics before a proximate audience, and flame effect before an audience.

Insurance

Bond or insurance will be required by the State Fire Marshal. Minimum \$25,000 for injury of one person, \$50,000 for more than one person; \$10,000 property damage. The policy or certificate shall provide that the coverage may not be canceled without at least 30 days notice to the State Fire Marshal. The State of Maryland shall be named as an insured in the contract of insurance. Workman's comp. and approved accident insurance required.

Operator

State license required. \$150 fee. Apply to State Fire Marshal, minimum.

**MANUFACTURE,  
STORAGE,  
TRANSPORTATION**

The manufacture, transport, and storage of fireworks must comply with NFPA 1124 as amended by the state regulations. Requirements for manufacturing specified in state law. Storage requirements specified in state law and regulations.

**LICENSING/  
REGISTRATION**

Permit required to store display fireworks for licensed displays. Manufacturing license required: \$750 annual fee. Wholesalers and distributors must register with the State Fire Marshall annually, \$750 annual fee.

**ENFORCING  
AUTHORITY**

Maryland Department of State Police  
Office of the State Fire Marshal  
1201 Reisterstown Road  
Pikesville, Maryland 21208  
Phone: (410) 653-8980; 1-800-525-3124  
Fax: (410) 653-8988  
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<http://mdsp.maryland.gov/firemarshal/Pages/StateFireMarshal.aspx>  
and local fire officials

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