



Illinois Fireworks Laws & Safety Tips

Legal Consumer and Novelty Fireworks*

**Cones • Fountains • Repeaters • Mines • Comets • Tubes
Shells • Fancy Florals • Parachutes**

**Novelty Items: Smoke Bombs • Party Poppers • Snakes
Sparklers • Cap Guns**

* Limited by amount of pyrotechnic material. Always check with your local government, city hall or local police for city bans and local ordinances.

Prohibited Consumer Fireworks **

**Hand held fireworks • Bottle rockets • Firecrackers
of any size or type • Sky rockets • Roman Candles
Chasers • Buzz Bombs • Helicopters • Missiles • Pin Wheels
Planes • Sky Lanterns • Ground items other than those
identified as Approved Consumer Fireworks • M-80s and
Cherry Bombs are ILLEGAL throughout the U.S.**

** Include but not limited to. Visit The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal at www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm for information concerning IL fireworks laws.

Safety Tips

1. Make sure fireworks are **legal** before buying or using them.
2. When using **legal fireworks**, only set them off outdoors, in a clear area, away from homes, dry leaves, or grass and other flammable materials.
3. Do not allow young children to play with fireworks under any circumstances. Older children should be permitted to use fireworks only under close adult supervision.
4. Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
5. Do not try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Soak them with water and throw them away.
6. Keep a bucket of water nearby for emergencies and for pouring on fireworks that fail to ignite or explode.
7. Be sure other people and pets are out of range before lighting fireworks.
8. Ashes & burned material should be placed in a metal can with a lid and stored away from combustibles or buildings.

Leave Displays to Those Who Are Licensed and Trained

Sources: (1) *Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Fireworks Displays In Illinois*
www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/SFMDocuments/Documents/FaqsConsumerFireworks05212014.pdf
(2) *Approved and Prohibited Consumer Fireworks and Unregulated Novelties*
www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/SFMDocuments/Documents/ApprovedAndProhibitedFireworks.pdf
(3) *Safety Tips* - www.cpsc.gov/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/Fireworks

