

FIREWORKS & DISPLAYS IN PA

- Fireworks do not include novelty items such as handheld sparklers and caps. Novelty items are the only items permitted to be sold at roadside stands in PA.
- Fireworks (exploding & aerial devices) can only be purchased by persons holding a permit to conduct a display.
- Fireworks purchases and displays are illegal in PA without a permit.
- A local municipality (city, town, township or borough) is the only governing body that issues permits.
- If a local municipality intends on issuing permits for fireworks displays in their jurisdiction they should have an ordinance in place.
- Before issuing a permit the municipal fire chief or codes officer must inspect and approve the site where the fireworks display will be held.
- A municipality must require an applicant post a bond before issuing a permit. The bond must be at least \$500.
- Fireworks permits are not transferable.
- Professional fireworks display companies must be registered with the PA Attorney General.
- Local police have jurisdiction in cases where persons are using fireworks illegally.
- More information on fireworks can be found in the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, Title 35 Health & Safety, Chapter 13 A “Fireworks”