

Consumer Fireworks



Consumer Fireworks contains low-hazard firework articles designed for recreational use by the public. These articles include items such as roman candles, sparklers, fountains, wheels, volcanoes, mines, and snakes. (Type F.1)

Acquisition

The acquisition, storage and sale of fireworks require a dwelling, a storage unit or an explosives licence, depending on the quantity and type of explosives being handled. Any person handling explosives must be at least 18 years of age or older unless otherwise exempted by the [Explosives Act and Regulations](#).

Nothing in the [Explosives Act](#) relieves a person of the obligation to comply with other Acts, Regulations and By-Laws lawfully enacted in relation to explosives.

Storage for Use

Dwelling

A person may acquire and store up to 10 kg gross mass of consumer fireworks for use in a dwelling.

When consumer fireworks are stored in a dwelling:

- (a) they must be stored away from flammable substances and sources of ignition, in a manner that protects them from theft and ensures that access to them is limited to people authorized by the user.

Storage Unit

A person may acquire and store up to 1000 kg gross mass of consumer fireworks for use in a storage unit.

When consumer fireworks are stored in a storage unit:

- (a) the storage unit must be located in a dry place, away from flammable substances and sources of ignition;
- (b) the storage unit must be constructed and maintained to prevent unauthorized access and to protect the contents from weather;
- (c) if the storage unit is a container, it must not impede exit in case of fire;
- (d) if the storage unit is not a container, all exits must be unobstructed;
- (e) any shelving in the storage unit must be constructed from a non-sparking material (for example, wood or painted metal);
- (f) nothing other than consumer fireworks may be stored in the storage unit;
- (g) the storage unit must be attended when it is unlocked;
- (h) the storage unit must be kept clean, dry, organized and free of grit;
- (i) any spill, leakage or other contamination in the storage unit must be cleaned up immediately;
- (j) precautions that minimize the likelihood of fire in or near the storage unit must be taken; and
- (k) a sign that displays the words "Danger/Fire Hazard/Risque d'incendie" in letters at least 10 cm high and that prohibits smoking using letters, or a symbol, at least 10 cm high must be posted on the storage unit in a clearly visible location.

Explosives Licence

A person may acquire and store greater than 1000 kg gross mass of consumer fireworks for use in a magazine if they hold an explosives licence.

Storage for Sale

Dwelling

A person must not store consumer fireworks for sale in a dwelling.

Display for sale

- (1) Non-aerial fireworks (flares, fountains, snakes, ground spinners, strobe pots, wheels and ground whistles) may be displayed for sale only if they are in consumer packs or in packaging or containers that comply with the safety standards for means of containment under the [Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992](#).
- (2) Aerial fireworks may be displayed for sale only if they are in consumer packs or in packaging or containers that comply with the safety standards for means of containment under the [Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992](#).

Consumer fireworks displayed for sale must meet the following:

- (a) non-aerial fireworks in consumer packs or in packaging or containers that comply with the safety standards for means of containment under the [Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992](#) must be separated into lots of 100 kg gross mass or less;
- (b) aerial fireworks in packaging or containers that comply with the safety standards for means of containment under the [Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992](#) must be separated into lots of 100 kg gross mass or less;
- (c) all other fireworks, whether aerial or non-aerial, must be separated into lots of 25 kg gross mass or less;
- (d) each lot must be separated from the other lots by a fire break;
- (e) the fireworks must be kept away from flammable substances and sources of ignition;
- (f) the fireworks must not be exposed to heat or dampness that might cause them to deteriorate;
- (g) the fireworks must be separated from the ceiling and from any fire prevention system by at least 0.6 m;
- (h) only people authorized by the retailer may have access to the area behind a sales counter;
- (i) smoking must be prohibited within 8 m of the fireworks; and
- (j) the fireworks must be attended when the sales establishment is unlocked.

Consumer packs must meet the following:

- (a) it must be of sufficient strength to withstand normal handling;
- (b) it must be designed so that it prevents a person who is handling it from being able to ignite the consumer fireworks it contains; and
- (c) it must be designed so that it prevents any shifting of the consumer fireworks during handling or transportation; and
- (d) the trade name of all consumer fireworks in the pack must be printed on it, along with the words "Non-aerial Fireworks/ Pièces pyrotechniques non aériennes", in a location that is clearly visible.

The above criteria do not apply to sparklers and toy pistol caps.

Storage Unit

A person may acquire and store up to 100 kg gross mass of consumer fireworks for sale in a storage unit attached to a dwelling.

A person may acquire and store up to 1000 kg gross mass of consumer fireworks for sale in a storage unit detached from a dwelling.

When consumer fireworks are stored in a storage unit:

- (a) the storage unit must be located in a dry place, away from flammable substances and sources of ignition;
- (b) the storage unit must be constructed and maintained to prevent unauthorized access and to protect the contents from weather;
- (c) if the storage unit is a container, it must not impede exit in case of fire;
- (d) if the storage unit is not a container, all exits must be unobstructed;
- (e) any shelving in the storage unit must be constructed from a non-sparking material (for example, wood or painted metal);
- (f) nothing other than consumer fireworks may be stored in the storage unit;

- (g) the storage unit must be attended when it is unlocked;
- (h) the storage unit must be kept clean, dry, organized and free of grit;
- (i) any spill, leakage or other contamination in the storage unit must be cleaned up immediately;
- (j) precautions that minimize the likelihood of fire in or near the storage unit must be taken; and
- (k) a sign that displays the words "Danger/Fire Hazard/Risque d'incendie" in letters at least 10 cm high and that prohibits smoking using letters, or a symbol, at least 10 cm high must be posted on the storage unit in a clearly visible location.

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These items should be checked with the Canadian Natural Resources for updates and confirmation of the information.
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