

# Fireworks and Sparklers

In Vermont, all fireworks (not including sparklers and other novelty smoke devices) are illegal except for permitted, supervised public fireworks displays. Fireworks are dangerous and unpredictable, especially in the hands of amateurs. All too often fireworks result in serious burns, hearing loss and other injuries due to misuse. Public firework displays conducted by trained professionals and supervised by local fire departments are a good alternative to personal fireworks use. These displays are the smartest and safest way to enjoy fireworks.

As a Town Forest Fire Warden, you **do not** have a role in permitting a fireworks display. A permit for display is required by the local chief of police and fire departments of the municipality in which the display is to be held. The use, possession, sale and distribution of fireworks is legal only after the permit is granted. Applications for a permit must be made at least 15 days in advance of the fireworks display.

Sparklers less than 14 inches long with no more than 20 grams of pyrotechnic mixture and novelty sparkling items limited to snakes, party poppers, glow worms, smoke devices, string poppers, snappers, or drop pops with no more than 0.25 grains of explosive mixture, that are in compliance with United States Consumer Product Safety Commission regulations, are legal for sale and use in Vermont. However, even sparklers and smoke devices can be harmful if not used properly always make sure that everyone uses sparklers in a safe and responsible manner.

## Laws, Rules, and Requirements

[Vermont Sparklers and Fireworks Law Title 20 chapter 177 § 3061- 3136.](#)

## Information and Resources

[Public Fireworks Display Checklist](#)  
[Sample Municipal Fireworks Display Permit](#)

## For additional information:

Contact the Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety, by phone:802-479-7561 or 1-800-640-2106 or online at <http://firesafety.vermont.gov/pubed/media/sparklers>