

# Fireworks

## Fireworks Laws

### 1. Types of 1.4 fireworks (previously known as "Class C")

- consumer = certain types of 1.4G fireworks (bottle rockets, roman candles, and fire crackers)
- Sec. 8(a) = sparklers, ground spinners, cone fountains, wheels, cylindrical fountains
- special fireworks = 1.3G fireworks for which a permit from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives shall be obtained prior to purchase, storage, or use.



### 2. Conduct that, when violated, creates criminal liability.

- Fireworks can be purchased only by persons 18 years of age or older.
- Children may only possess or use any kind of fireworks when an adult is present.
- Fireworks may be used:
  - on the user's property.
  - on the property of someone who has consented to the use of fireworks on that property.
  - at a special discharge location.
    - \* special discharge location = a place designated for the discharge of consumer fireworks under temporary policies of the State Fire Marshal.
- consumer and Sec. 8(a) fireworks may be used only between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on days other than holidays.
  - On holidays (Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, and New Year's Eve), fireworks may be used between 9:00 a.m. and midnight.



## Fireworks Safety Tips

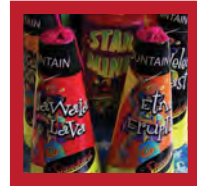
- Never let children handle, play with, or light any fireworks.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place out of children's reach.
- Always purchase your fireworks from licensed fireworks dealers.
- Use a clear, open area. Keep audience a safe distance away from the shooting site.
- Never attempt to re-light, alter, or fix any firework item.
- Have a fire extinguisher, water supply, hose, or bucket of water nearby.
- Be cautious of lighting any fireworks during strong wind conditions and light fireworks with wind blowing away from the spectators.
- Never aim, point, or throw fireworks at another person.
- Always use fireworks outdoors.



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## Penalties for violating Indiana's Fireworks Laws

a. A person who uses consumer fireworks at any place other than the 3 options listed in 2c or at times other than those listed in 2d, commits a class C infraction that may result in a maximum fine of \$500 per infraction. More than 1 infraction in 5 years may constitute a change of a class C misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment up to 60 days and a maximum fine of \$500.



b. A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally uses consumer fireworks and damages someone else's property commits a class A misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment up to 1 year and a maximum fine of \$10,000.

c. A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally uses consumer fireworks and causes serious injury to someone else, commits a class D felony punishable by imprisonment from 6 months to 3 years and a maximum fine of \$10,000.



d. A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally uses consumer fireworks that causes death, commits a class C felony punishable by imprisonment from 2 to 8 years and a maximum fine of \$10,000.

e. A person less than 18 years of age who possesses or uses a firework when an adult is not present and responsible at the location commits a Class C infraction that may result in a fine of up to \$500 per infraction.



For more information on Indiana's Fireworks Laws, visit the IDHS website at: [www.in.gov/dhs](http://www.in.gov/dhs).

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