



Office of the State Fire Marshal – Delaware

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The Delaware Office of the State Fire Marshal reminds all citizens and visitors of Delaware that fireworks can cause serious injuries or death. Projectiles from exploded fireworks can cause eye injuries, burns, and amputations of fingers. Each year, thousands of people were treated in the nation's hospitals for injuries related to the use of fireworks. Most injuries occur around the July Fourth holiday.

The Fireworks law under the Delaware Criminal Code reads:

- Most fireworks as defined in Delaware Criminal Code: Title 16, Chapter 69 are **illegal** to possess, sell, or use in the State of Delaware at all times.
- Firecrackers, bottle rockets, Roman candles, and all types of aerial consumer fireworks are **always illegal** and not permitted to be sold or used in Delaware. Any firework that shoots into the air, commonly referred as an aerial firework, is illegal.
- Sparklers and ground based novelty items may be purchased by someone that is 18+ years old and sold in Delaware only on these dates: **June 4, 2020 – July 4, 2020.**
- Sparklers and ground based novelty items may only be used in Delaware on **July 4th only.**

Penalties for the misuse of fireworks or possession of illegal fireworks are misdemeanors subject to a fine. Damage or injuries caused by using fireworks can result in felony charges. Explosives labelled as "*Fireworks*" are subject to felony charges.