

Connecticut State Police

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Topics in Public Safety

FIREWORKS LAWS

All fireworks are illegal in the State of Connecticut, with the exception of sparklers and fountains.

Connecticut residents are reminded that state law defines sparklers as non-explosive, non-aerial devices that contain less than 100 grams of pyrotechnic mixture.



Fountains are defined as non-explosive, non-aerial devices that contain less than 100 grams of pyrotechnic for each individual item. If two or more fountains are affixed to the same base, the total quantity of pyrotechnic composition of combined fountains cannot exceed 200 grams.

Both sparklers and fountains may be legally used by persons aged 16 and older.

Novelty items such as party poppers, snakes, smoke devices and anything that emits a flame are not legal

for private use in Connecticut. These exploding devices are very dangerous and have caused serious injury to those using them or near them.

The Connecticut State Police Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit reports that a

number of house fires and grass fires have been attributed to the use of fireworks. Fireworks are a danger to property, as well as to people. If a fire or

explosion caused by legal *or* illegal fireworks causes injuries and/or damage, or poses the risk of either, the person responsible could be charged with a felony criminal offense.



The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted at a state-approved site by Connecticut licensed pyrotechnicians.



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