



WEST VIRGINIA

CONSUMER FIREWORKS

Specifically permitted

Sparkling devices (fountains, wire sparklers, trick noisemakers, smoke devices, snakes).

Specifically prohibited

Firecrackers, torpedoes, sky rockets, roman candles, daygo bombs.

Selling Period

Year-round

Retail sale

Business registration certificate and a Sparklers and Novelties Registration Certificate are required, \$15 fee.

Minimum age to purchase

16 years old

DISPLAY FIREWORKS

Display permit

Apply to State Fire Marshal and local authorities at least 15 days before display date. Non-residents must appoint an in-state legal representative to obtain license, if the local authorities require legal representation.

Insurance

Required Minimum \$500,000. Local authorities may require a \$1,000 bond.

Operator

Minimum age: 21 years. State license required; apply to State Fire Marshal. Two operators are required per display.

ENFORCING AUTHORITY

West Virginia State Fire Marshal
Regulatory & Licensing Division
1207 Quarrier Street, 2nd Floor
Charleston, WV 25201
Phone: 304-558-2191
Fax: 304-558-2191
<http://www.usacops.com/wv/p25301/index.html>

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West Virginia Code, Chapter 29, Article 3, Sec. 23 and 24 as amended.

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