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General Guidelines for Fireworks Retail Sales

The Frederick County Fire Marshal's Office enforces local ordinances and state laws in regard to the sales and use of fireworks. Retail sales of permissible fireworks shall comply with all Frederick County rules, regulations and requirements outlined and can be referenced in the current edition of the Virginia Fire Prevention Code and in NFPA 1124.

Before placing your order for fireworks please check the Frederick County Fire Marshal's website for a list of approved permissible fireworks. If the list is not updated to the current year please use the list from the previous year. When you receive your fireworks shipment please contact the Fire Marshal's Office to schedule an inspection before putting the fireworks out for sale.

The items listed below are the guidelines that the Fire Marshal's Office will be using for the inspection.

All Retail Sales:

- Portable fire extinguishers for permanent consumer fireworks retail sales facilities and stores shall be located so that the maximum distance of travel required to reach an extinguisher from any point does not exceed 75 ft. (23 m), as specified in NFPA 10, Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers.
 - ❖ Where more than one portable fire extinguisher is required, at least one fire extinguisher shall be of the multipurpose dry chemical type if the facility is provided with electrical power.
 - ❖ When selling fireworks, at least one of the required fire extinguishers shall be of pressurized water type.
- "FIREWORKS – NO SMOKING" signs, with letters at least 2" high on a contrasting background and shall be posted at each entrance or within 10 feet of every aisle.
- Display stands shall not exceed 4ft wide x 6ft. high x 8ft. long and must have 4 ft. wide clearance around the display.
- No fireworks displayed for sale or stored can be within 5ft of any public entrance.

Applicable to Stores:

- The area of retail displays of consumer fireworks cannot exceed 25% of the retail sales floor in the building or 600ft., whichever is less.
- Storage rooms containing permissible consumer fireworks in a new permanent store shall be protected with an automatic sprinkler system or separated from the retail sales area by a fire barrier having a fire resistance rating of not less than 1 hour.

Applicable to Stands:

- In temporary stands where the interior is not accessible to the public, the minimum clear width of the aisle shall not be less than 28in.