



## WASHINGTON, D.C. Consumer Fireworks

### Specifically Permitted

Toy paper caps containing not more than 0.25 grain of explosive composition per cap, sparklers less than 20" in length, torches, box fire, fountains, cones, dip sticks, non-poisonous snakes, novelties, and colored lights.

### Specifically Prohibited

Firecrackers of any kind of description. Any fireworks that explode, (cherry bombs, salutes, roman candles, floral shells, artillery shells,) or intended to move after the piece is placed and fires (bottle rockets, parachutes, buzz bombs, pinwheels, helicopters, jumping jacks.) Sparklers more than 20" in length that contain dangerous chemicals, or any highly oxidizing agent. Fireworks having a side fuse, or a fuse inserted at any point along the length of the firework, and any firework found by the Fire Chief to be dangerous to the safety of any person or property

### Selling Period

June 20 – July 5

### Age of Purchase

N/A

### Licensing

Apply to Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs for wholesaler or retail license. Minimum age for wholesale license 21 years.

### Authority

Fire Marshal  
D.C. Fire Department  
Fire Prevention Division  
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 370  
Washington, DC 20001  
Phone: (202) 727-1614

### Law Number

Title 12, Section 12H, Chapter 33H

### Statute(s)

Title 12, Section 12H, Chapter 33H. IFC 2008  
<https://fems.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/fems/publication/attachments/DCMR%2012H%20Fire%20Code%20Supplement%202008.pdf>

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