

SPARKLER & FIREWORK SAFETY

The Division of State Fire Marshal encourages everyone to enjoy sparklers and fireworks at public displays conducted by professionals.
However, if you choose to use them, be sure to follow these safety tips:

Find out what is legal in your area before buying or using them.

Read and follow all warnings and instructions.

Never allow young children to handle sparklers & fireworks.

Older children should use sparklers & fireworks only under adult supervision.

Only light sparklers & fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from the house and flammable materials.

Make sure other people are out of range before lighting sparklers & fireworks.

Light sparklers & fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.

Keep a bucket of water or garden hose handy in case of fire or mishap.

Never try to re-light or pick-up sparklers & fireworks that have not ignited.

Never use sparkler & fireworks while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

Never light sparkler & fireworks indoors.



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Sale and Possession of Sparklers & Fireworks in Florida

Legal Classifications: Florida law divides fireworks into two categories - “sparklers” and “other fireworks.” Sparklers are defined separately and can be sold year-round. “Other fireworks” such as firecrackers, roman candles, and aerial fireworks are restricted in their sale and use.

Sale and Use Restrictions: Generally, the sale and use of fireworks classified as “other fireworks” are prohibited for consumer use without proper permits or licenses.

Local Regulations: Local governments in Florida have the authority to regulate fireworks beyond state law. This includes restrictions on where fireworks can be used and sold, such as within city limits or specific zones, and times when they can be discharged, especially around holidays like Independence Day.

Penalties: Violations in Florida can result in fines and other penalties. It’s important to check both state laws and local ordinances to understand the specific rules and potential consequences.

The Division of State Fire Marshal is responsible for enforcing all laws relating to the regulation of sparklers. With this responsibility, the Division regulates all companies and individuals engaged in manufacture, distribute, and sell (wholesale and retail) of sparklers and publishes a list of approved sparkler products. The list of approved sparkler products can be found here:

2024-2025 Approved Sparklers List



For additional information, see Florida Statute 791 & Florida Administrative Code 69A-50.



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