



Nottinghamshire
County Council

Business Information

Sale of Fireworks

The Fireworks (Safety) Regulations 1997

If you sell fireworks, you have certain obligations to the public and your staff. For more information, contact the Trading Standards Service at the address overleaf.

Summary of the law on fireworks

Age of Purchase

Fireworks (except those listed below) must not be supplied to persons **under 18**.

Caps, cracker snaps, novelty matches, party-poppers, serpents and throwdowns can only be supplied to persons **over 16**.

Fireworks Regulations 2004

These regulations require that suppliers of fireworks to the public, display in a prominent position an A3 notice (or the BIS produced poster), stating the following:

It is illegal to

1. Sell adult fireworks or sparklers to anyone under the age of 18
2. It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to possess adult fireworks in a public place

The BIS poster can be found at;

http://www.berr.gov.uk/fireworks/download/Firework_RetailWarning_A3.pdf

Penalties

Failure to comply with these requirements can result in prosecution and a fine of up to **£5,000** or a prison sentence of up to **six months**, or both.

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Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Regulations 2005

Registration of Premises

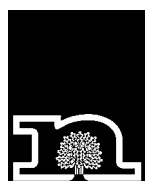
It is an offence to keep fireworks (except those for private use) on premises which have not been registered or licensed for that purpose.

Remember...

- Do not supply fireworks to persons under 18 years of age
- Do not supply caps, party-poppers, throwdowns, etc, to persons under 16 years of age.
- Packets of sparklers must carry additional warning

If you wish to know more about selling fireworks, including advice and guidance about their safe storage and display, there is a comprehensive Business Information leaflet available (No.39). You can obtain a copy by contacting the Trading Standards Service.

This leaflet is a brief summary of the law regarding the sale and storage of fireworks. It is not an authoritative document on the law and is only intended for guidance. For further details or clarification please contact the Trading Standards Service.



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