

Allen County Fire & EMS District

Code Enforcement Division

Fireworks

Fireworks in Indiana are regulated by state law and enforced by the Indiana State Fire Marshal. While the State Fire Marshal is the primary regulator, the Allen County Fire District has a defined role under state law — including approving and inspecting public displays and inspecting fireworks sales locations. The information below summarizes when consumer fireworks may be used, what is required to sell fireworks, and what is required to conduct a public display.

Consumer Fireworks — When They May Be Used

Under Indiana law, consumer fireworks may generally be used, ignited, or discharged between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., and until midnight on legal holidays (as defined by Indiana law).

In addition, state law protects certain days and times when the use of consumer fireworks may not be prohibited, even by a local ordinance:

- June 29 through July 3, and July 5 through July 9 — 5:00 p.m. until two hours after sunset.
- July 4 — 10:00 a.m. until midnight.
- December 31 — 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 a.m. the following day.

Consumer fireworks may be used only by persons 18 years of age or older, and only on the user's own property or on the property of another person who has given permission.

Cities and towns may adopt ordinances that set their own permitted days and hours for consumer fireworks use, but they cannot require a permit for the personal use of consumer fireworks. **If you live within a city or town, check with your municipality for any additional local restrictions.**

Retail Sales

A certificate of compliance from the Indiana State Fire Marshal is required to sell fireworks at a retail location. Each retail location will be inspected by the Indiana State Fire Marshal's office and/or the Allen County Fire District for fire safety.

In addition to the state certificate of compliance, fireworks sales locations must meet local building, zoning, and occupancy requirements, including any permits required by the Allen County Building Department.

Public Displays

Public fireworks displays — such as professional Fourth of July shows — require a permit from the Indiana State Fire Marshal. Under state law, that permit does not take effect until the display operator has been approved and the display site inspected by the Allen County Fire District. Organizers are responsible for ensuring these requirements are met and should contact the Allen County Fire District as early as possible to allow time for coordination.

Indoor Pyrotechnics Before an Audience

The use of pyrotechnics before a proximate audience — such as special effects at a concert, theatrical performance, or similar event — is regulated under state-adopted standards. Anyone planning to use pyrotechnics before an audience should notify the Allen County Fire District in advance so the plan and setup can be reviewed for fire safety.

This page is a general summary. Fireworks in Indiana are governed by state law (Indiana Code 22-11-14) and the rules of the Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission. For permits, current requirements, and full details on fireworks sales, use, and public displays, see the Indiana State Fire Marshal's fireworks page at <https://www.in.gov/dhs/fire-and-building-safety/code-enforcement/fireworks-information>. For questions about a display or pyrotechnics inspection in Allen County, contact the ACFD Code Enforcement Division.