

FIREWORKS LAWS - THE CONTROLS

MANUFACTURE AND STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES REGULATIONS 2005

- Anyone wishing to store fireworks must register or licence their premises with TRADING STANDARDS.
- TRADING STANDARDS will inspect the premises to ensure the fireworks are stored safely.
- TRADING STANDARDS are responsible for premises keeping up to 2 tonnes of fireworks.
- HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE are responsible for stores larger than 2 tonnes.

EXPLOSIVES ACT 1875

- It is illegal to sell gunpowder to children under the age of 16 (includes throwdowns, gun caps, etc). TRADING STANDARDS
- It is illegal to hawk (sell fireworks in a public place) and throw fireworks in the street. POLICE
- POLICE take a lead role in tackling sales of explosives from mobile traders and houses, TRADING STANDARDS assist.

FIREWORKS (SAFETY) REGULATIONS 1997 (as amended)

- It is illegal to supply unsafe fireworks to members of the public (mini rockets, bangers or air bombs) TRADING STANDARDS
- It is illegal to sell adult fireworks to anyone under the age of 18. TRADING STANDARDS
- It is illegal to sell party poppers, throwdowns and gun caps to anyone under the age of 16.

FIREWORKS ACT 2003 – FIREWORKS REGULATIONS 2004

- It is illegal for persons under the age of 18 to possess fireworks in public places. POLICE
- It is illegal to use fireworks between 11.00pm and 7.00am (except bonfire night etc.) POLICE
- Anyone wishing to supply fireworks outside of permitted dates:

15th October - 10th November

3 days prior to and including Diwali

3 days prior to and including Chinese New Year

26th - 31st December

must obtain a licence from the local authority (currently £500). TRADING STANDARDS

- It is a legal requirement to display a sign in the vicinity of all fireworks sales stating:
'It is illegal to supply adult fireworks to anyone under the age of 18: and it is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to possess fireworks in a public place.' TRADING STANDARDS

ENFORCEMENT BREAKDOWN

Licensing / Registration	Trading Standards
Safe storage (business)	Trading Standards
Sale of Gunpowder and toy fireworks (caps etc.) to under 16's	Trading Standards
Supply of unsafe fireworks	Trading Standards
Sale of adult fireworks to under 18's	Trading Standards
Licence to sell fireworks outside of specified periods	Trading Standards
Display of warning notices at fireworks point of sale	Trading Standards
Control of acquisition of over 50kg explosives (fireworks)	Trading Standards
Supply of excessively noisy fireworks	Trading Standards
Hawking of fireworks	Police
Sales from residential premises	Police lead TS assist
Possession in public place of fireworks by under 18's	Police
Use of fireworks during night hours	Police
Throwing fireworks in public place	Police
Importation of fireworks	Customs & Excise

Penalties: Please note the majority of the above offences carry a maximum penalty of £5000 and/or 6 months imprisonment. However a few offences carry an unlimited fine.

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