

Fireworks

Indiana Code 22-11-14

Consumer fireworks are legal to possess and discharge in the State of Indiana with the following exceptions:

AGE –

Only individuals 18 years of age and older may purchase fireworks.

Individuals under the age of 18 are only allowed to use fireworks if there is a person who is at least 18 years of age or older present.

DISCHARGING FIREWORKS –

Fireworks may be used on the user's property, the property of someone who granted permission to discharge fireworks on their property, or at a special discharge location. (Special discharge location would be a place designated for the discharge of consumer fireworks by the State Fire Marshall.)

Fireworks may be discharged during the following times:

9am – 11pm any day except holidays

9am – 12pm on holidays (Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, and New Year's Eve).

FIREWORKS SALES –

All fireworks retail sales locations must be inspected by a representative of the State Fire Marshal or of a local fire department that inspects, at the request of the State Fire Marshal, in accordance with the policies and guidelines of the State Fire Marshal. State Fire Marshal's office phone number (317) 232-1407 or (800) 669-7362.

All locations where consumer fireworks are sold at retail, including all tents or temporary structures, must have a permit issued by the State Fire Marshal for that specific location.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THE FIREWORKS LAW –

A person who ignites, discharges, or uses consumer fireworks at a site other than: a) a special discharge location; b) the property of the person; c) the property of another who has given permission to use the consumer fireworks; commits a Class C infraction.

- Neighbor A shot off bottle rockets and they landed in Neighbor B's yard. Is Neighbor A violating the law? Yes, if Neighbor B did not grant Neighbor A permission to discharge fireworks on their property.

A person less than 18 years of age who possesses or uses a firework when an adult is not present and responsible at the location commits a Class C infraction.

A person who ignites, discharges, or uses consumer fireworks: a) after 11:00pm or after 12:00pm on designated holidays; or b) before 9:00 am commits a Class C infraction.

A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally uses consumer fireworks and the violation causes harm to the property of a person commits a Class A misdemeanor.

A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally uses consumer fireworks and the violation results in serious bodily injury to a person commits a Class D Felony.

A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally uses consumer fireworks and the violation results in the death of a person commits a Class C Felony.