

WEST VIRGINIA

CONSUMER FIREWORKS (Formerly Class C Fireworks)

Specifically permitted	“Sparkling devices” (fountains, wire sparklers, trick noisemakers, smoke devices, snakes.
Specifically prohibited	Firecrackers, torpedoes, sky rockets, roman candles, daygo bombs.
Selling Period	Year-round
Retail sale	Business registration certificate and a Sparklers and Novelties Registration Certificate are required. Fee is \$15.
Minimum age to purchase	16 years old

DISPLAY FIREWORKS (Formerly Class B Fireworks)

Display permit	Apply to state fire marshal and local authorities at least 15 days before display date. Non-residents must appoint an in-state legal representative to obtain license, if the local authorities require legal representation.
Insurance	Required Minimum \$500,000. Local authorities may require a \$1,000 bond.
Operator	Minimum age: 21 years. State license required; apply to state fire marshal. Two operators are required per display.

ENFORCING AUTHORITY

West Virginia State Fire Marshal
Regulatory & Licensing Division
1207 Quarrier Street, 2nd Floor
Charleston, WV 25201
304-558-2191

LAW NUMBER

West Virginia Code, Chapter 29, Article 3, Sec. 23 and 24 as amended.