



FIREWORKS STAND PERMITS:

Q. How do I know if I qualify to obtain a fireworks permit to sell “Safe and Sane” fireworks?

A. Click on the Fresno County Fire Protection District (FCFPD) website and go to the fireworks site.

Q. What is a 501(c)(3)-(19)?

A. A tax exemption issued by the IRS regarding non-profit status and exemption from federal income tax. See the IRS website for more information. <http://www.irs.gov/charities/index.html>

Q. How do I get an application to sell Safe and Sane fireworks?

A. Contact your locally approved fireworks vendor.

Q. When are the applications due?

A. Applications are due on the fourth Wednesday and Thursday in April. The fireworks vendor you have selected will turn in the application to the FCFPD.

Q. What is the supplemental paperwork?

A. The supplemental paperwork is additional paperwork which needs to be completed by your organization and your fireworks vendor.

Q. Where can I store my fireworks when my fireworks stand is not open for sales?

A. On site storage of fireworks is permitted in approved metal cargo style containers only (i.e. sea-train or ISO conex or something similar), at a distance of no less than thirty five feet (35') from the fireworks stand. Exception: POD's, truck trailers or similar containers will be allowed on site with 24 hour security or a responsible party on site 24 hours a day.

Q. When will my fireworks stand be inspected?

A. Each organization is responsible for calling the FCFPD Prevention Office on the first Wednesday in June to schedule the initial inspection of the fireworks stand. A permit will be issued once the initial inspection has been completed successfully. Your fireworks stand will be inspected randomly after the initial inspection.

Inspection appointments are as follows:

June 28th thru July 1st from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Appointments will be available every half hour.

Q. What can I expect when my fireworks stand is inspected?

A. See Appendix D of the FCFPD Standards for inspection details. This appendix provides a list of the items being checked during fireworks stand inspections.

Q. What if I cannot be there for my fireworks stand initial inspection?

A. If you cannot be present at the pre-scheduled fireworks stand inspection appointment, someone else from your organization, or your fireworks vendor, should be present at the stand to meet the Fire Department.

Q. What will happen if no one from my organization, nor my fireworks vendor, is present when the Fire Department shows up for my previously scheduled initial inspection?

A. If a re-inspection is needed, appointments will be conducted on a first come first serve basis.

Q. What if I have not received my product by the time my initial inspection is scheduled for my fireworks stand?

A. It is very important you stay in close contact with your fireworks vendor and the FCFPD. If your product has not arrived at the time of your initial inspection we will not be able to conduct your initial inspection and you will not receive your permit.

Q. What will happen if I start selling fireworks from my stand before I receive my permit?

A. If you sell fireworks without first receiving your Fireworks Permit from the FCFPD, the individual, or organization, could face possible criminal charges.

Q. Can I give my permit to another organization because I am unable to run my fireworks stand this year?

A. NO. Permits are non-transferable.

Q. How old do you have to be to work in a fireworks stand?

A. All persons involved in the sale of Safe and Sane fireworks shall be at least 18 years of age. Proof must be shown at any time when requested by Fire officials. Failure to produce valid picture identification upon request may result in fireworks sales permit revocation for the remainder of the daily sales period, and/or a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) fine. Any person 16 or 17 years old, who is affiliated with the organization, may help stock and work in the fireworks stand but not handle the money or sell Safe and Sane fireworks.

Q. Once I have received my fireworks permit when can I start selling fireworks?

A. The sale of Safe and Sane fireworks shall begin no earlier than noon on June 28th and shall not continue after noon on July 6th of the same year.

Q. How old do you have to be to buy fireworks?

A. You have to be at least **16** years old to buy Safe and Sane fireworks in the County of Fresno.

Q. When do I have to stop selling fireworks?

A. You cannot sell fireworks after July 6th at noon.

Q. When can I use Safe and Sane Fireworks in the County of Fresno?

A. Safe and Sane fireworks can be used or discharged in the Fresno County Fire Protection District 365 days a year except east of the Friant-Kern Canal and west of Interstate 5.

ILLEGAL FIREWORKS:

Q. What shall I do if I have illegal fireworks I want to get rid of but don't want to get in trouble?

A. Any illegal fireworks can be turned into your local Fire Station without penalty.

Q. What shall I do if someone tries to sell me illegal fireworks?

A. Call 911 and report anyone who tries to sell you illegal fireworks, or is not selling fireworks from an approved fireworks stand, or anyone you know who is in possession of illegal fireworks.

Q. What will happen if I discharge illegal fireworks or have illegal fireworks in my possession?

A. You will be issued a citation for possession of illegal fireworks (H&S 12677) and will be required to appear in Fresno County Superior Court per court date given.

For additional information regarding fireworks stand inspections call (559) 493-4359

For additional information regarding Illegal fireworks and investigation call (559) 493-4300