

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PYROTECHNIC SAFETY

2018 NEWSLETTER



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BOARD OFFICE HOURS

The Board is open Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., except on the following State holidays:

- Monday, November 12, 2018, for Veteran's Day
- Thursday – Friday, November 22-23, 2018, for Thanksgiving Day
- Monday – Wednesday, December 24-26, 2018, for Christmas Day
- Tuesday, January 1, 2019, for New Years
- Monday, January 21, 2019, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Monday, February 18, 2019, for President's Day
- Friday, May 10, 2019, for Confederate Memorial Day
- Monday, May 27, 2019, for National Memorial Day



MEETING DATES

The SC Board of Pyrotechnic Safety will meet at the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Kingstree Building, room 105 at 10 a.m. on the following dates:

- December 5, 2018
- February 27, 2019
- May 22, 2019
- August 14, 2019
- December 4, 2019

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FIREWORKS RECALLS

The products below are listed as recalled within the last year by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. More details can be found at: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls>

MATRIX FIREWORKS SURPRISE FOUNTAIN

The recalled fireworks are overloaded with pyrotechnics intended to produce an audible effect, violating the federal regulatory standard for this product. Overloaded fireworks can result in a greater than expected explosion, posing burn and explosion hazards to consumers. The product is labeled as a fountain but functions similar to an M-80 or other large firecracker, which are illegal. (12/09/17)

Remedy: Refund



WHOLESALE FIREWORKS TOXIC ARTILLERY ROCKETS, BOOM BOX AERIAL SHELLS AND DETONATOR FIRECRACKERS

The recalled fireworks are overloaded with pyrotechnics intended to produce an audible effect, violating the federal regulatory standards for this product. Overloaded fireworks can result in a greater than expected explosion, posing burn and explosion hazards to consumers. (11/15/17)

Remedy: Refund

FIREWORKS OVER AMERICA SERIOUS SPINOUT

The lit firework can tip over and fire shells at bystanders, posing burn, fire and impact hazards to consumers. (09/20/17)

Remedy: Refund



MILLER FIREWORKS BALL BULLET ROCKET FIREWORK

The recalled fireworks are overloaded with pyrotechnics intended to produce an audible effect, violating the federal regulatory standards for this product. Overloaded fireworks can result in a greater than expected explosion, posing burn and explosion hazards to consumers. (8/2/18)

Remedy: Refund

FIREWORKS RETAIL SALES LICENSES

ANNUAL AND TEMPORARY

Seasonal facilities must submit applications by **December 14, 2018**. Applications submitted after December 14, 2018, **will be subject to a \$200 special processing fee per facility**, no exceptions.

Facility inspections will not be scheduled without a complete application and processed payment (\$200 per facility for Annuals and \$100 per facility for Temporary). The fee stated is for one inspection. Any return inspection resulting from the owner's failure to comply will be charged at a rate of \$75 per hour (including travel time).

Incomplete applications will be processed and inspections held until all documentation and payment have been submitted. All applications must include a completed application form, certificate of insurance covering the retail location, copy of the retail sales license for the location, and payment.

Applications and instructions are available on the Board of Pyrotechnic Safety's website at: www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Pyrotechnic/index.asp?file=pub.htm

Previous versions of this application are no longer accepted. Application will be held until correct forms are submitted.

LICENSURE STATISTICS

License/Permit Type	Issued
2018 Temp. Fireworks Retailer License (New Year's)	353
2018 Annual Fireworks Retailer License	337
2018 Jobber Licenses	4
2018 Wholesaler Licenses	31
2018 Display Fireworks Magazine License	32
2018 Temp. Fireworks Retailer License (July 4th)	619

FAQS

Additional FAQs can be found on the Board website:

<https://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Pyrotechnic/index.asp?file=faq.htm>

I sent my Application for a Retailer Fireworks License in, when will I be inspected?

Applications are processed in the order they are received. In order to expedite this process, please make sure the application is complete and includes the appropriate license issued by the S.C. Department of Revenue for the retail sales of fireworks: a current Certificate of Insurance (per S.C. Code of Laws 40-56-230) and payment.

Inspections are scheduled based on the "Facility Setup Date" on the application. This date should indicate when the facility will be ready for inspection. Board inspectors will make every effort to contact you to schedule your inspection prior to the indicated "Facility Opening Date." Please allow for five (5) business days between the setup and opening date on the application. If you are not contacted by an inspector by the opening date, please contact the Board office. You cannot open prior to being issued a license by a Board inspector.

Will a Temporary Fireworks Stand be issued a Retail Fireworks Sales License if violations are present at the initial licensure inspection?

No. All temporary fireworks stands must comply with the Board-approved inspection checklist at the time of the initial licensure inspection or a license will not be issued. Any return inspection resulting from the owner's failure to comply will be charged at a rate of \$75 per hour (including travel time). The inspection checklist is available in the Fireworks Retailer License application packet.

How do I know if a Pyrotechnics Wholesaler or Jobber is licensed in South Carolina?

A list of licensed wholesalers and jobbers has been made available on the [Board's website](#). Please use this list when searching for a fireworks supplier. Retailers shall purchase from licensed wholesaler or jobber as per S.C. Board of Pyrotechnic Safety Regulation 71-7405.0(D)(10).

Do I need to have insurance?

Yes. The Board, per S.C. Code of Laws 40-56-230, requires that an application for a retail fireworks sales license must be accompanied by evidence that the applicant holds a policy that:

- (1) provides public liability insurance coverage for retail sales activities at the location for the permitted sale period. The policy can not exclude fireworks or pyrotechnics;
- (2) is issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in this State; and
- (3) provides coverage in the following minimum amounts:
 - (a) one million dollars for injuries or damage to any one person in one accident or occurrence;
 - (b) one million dollars for injuries to two or more persons in any accident or occurrence; and
 - (c) one million dollars combined single-limit coverage for any one accident or occurrence
- (4) Provides the Board with at least thirty (30) days written notice of policy cancellation or suspension.