

Vancouver Fire By-Law

Section 5.8.2. Fireworks

5.8.2.1 Permits

1. The Fire Chief may by permit regulate the possession, sale and discharge of fireworks.

5.8.2.2 General

1. No person shall offer for sale or sell fireworks without a permit from the Fire Chief.
2. No person shall offer for sale, sell, give or furnish fireworks to a person under the age of 19 years.
3. No person shall point or direct a firework at any person, animal, building or motor vehicle where such firework is in the process of exploding or detonating, and where it is capable of projecting or discharging a charge or pyrotechnical effect more than 1 m.
4. Despite anything to the contrary in this By-law, a person under 19 years of age must not possess or discharge fireworks
5. Despite anything to the contrary in this By-Law, a person must not offer for sale, sell, dispose of, possess, or discharge fireworks that produce noise without an accompanying light display that consists of more than a single flash of light.
6. If a person is holding fireworks in violation of this By-Law:
 - a) any member of the Fire Department or Police Department may seize and dispose of such fireworks, and
 - b) the city is not liable to pay any compensation to such person for such fireworks

5.8.2.3. Family Fireworks

1. Except as provided for in Sentence (2), no person shall possess or discharge family fireworks except as authorized by a permit issued by the Fire Chief or member of the Fire Department authorized by the Fire Chief.
2. A person who does not have a permit must not possess:
 - a) firecrackers, bottle rockets, or roman candles, or
 - b) family fireworks, other than firecrackers, bottle rockets or roman candles, except during the period from and including October 25th to and including October 31st.
3. A person who does not have a permit must not discharge:
 - a) firecrackers, bottle rockets or roman candles,
 - b) family fireworks, other than firecrackers, bottle rockets, or roman candles, except on October 31st or October 30th, if October 31st falls on a Sunday, or
 - c) family fireworks, other than firecrackers, bottle rockets or roman candles, in streets or other public places except as authorized by the Fire Chief.

4. A person who must not offer for sale or sell:
 - a) firecrackers, bottle rockets or roman candles, or
 - b) family fireworks, other than firecrackers, bottle rockets or roman candles, except during the period from and including October 25th to and including October 31st.

5.8.2.4. Display Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Special Effects

1. No person shall discharge *display fireworks* or a *pyrotechnic special effects* except as authorized by a *permit* issued by the *Fire Chief* or member of the Fire Department authorized by the *Fire Chief*.
2. Applications must be made in person to the *Fire chief* or member of the Fire Department authorized by the *Fire Chief*
 - a) by the *fireworks supervisor* responsible for the discharging of the *display fireworks*, or
 - b) by the *pyrotechnic special effects technician* responsible for the discharging of the *pyrotechnic special effect*.