# General Conditions of the Discharge of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Special Effect Devices

No person shall discharge or display any Fireworks within the Town at any time during the whole of the year except on the days observed as Victoria Day and Canada Day without a permit unless otherwise permitted by the provisions of this By-law.

### **Permit**

No person shall discharge Fireworks not in accordance with the terms and conditions of a Fireworks Permit.

# **Family Fireworks**

Notwithstanding clause 4a) of this Bylaw a Fireworks Permit is not required for any person aged 18 years or older who discharges Family Fireworks in accordance with the provisions of this By-law.

## **Exhibition Fireworks**

No person, other than a person who has successfully completed a

Fireworks Supervisor's course and who holds a valid Fireworks Supervisor card shall discharge or cause to be discharged Exhibition Fireworks.

# **Pyrotechnic Special Effects**

No person, other than a person who has successfully completed a Pyrotechnic Special Effects course and who holds a valid Pyrotechnician Certification Card shall perform or discharge or cause to be discharged any Pyrotechnic Special Effects.

#### **Materials**

No person shall use any explosive materials in a Fireworks display other than those authorized pursuant to Explosives Regulations of the department of Energy, Mines and Resources, Canada.

Every person shall ensure that all Fireworks that remain unfired and any Fireworks that failed to fire shall immediately be disposed of in a safe manner having regard to the particular type of Fireworks remaining.

If you would like more information regarding fireworks, please contact:

**David Ford or David Bouskill** 

c/o Halton Hills Fire Protection & Prevention Services

(905) 873-2601 Ext. 2115 or 2118



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**Director** means the Director of Fire Protection & Prevention Services (Fire Chief/Chief Fire Official) or the Chief Officer of Prevention & Education, or the Chief Officer of Operations, or a Fire Safety Specialist that has certification completed the of the **Explosives** requirements Regulatory Division's Fireworks Supervisor, Level 1 or other person designated by the Director under the Ontario Fire Code Subsection 1.1.8. or person appointed by the Fire Marshal under Ontario Fire Code Subsection 1.1.8.

Fireworks means those devices that explode or burn to produce visual or sound effects and include the definitions as provided in Exhibition Fireworks, Family Fireworks, Pyrotechnic Special Effects and/or those defined as per the Explosives Act.

**Firecracker** means a pyrotechnic device that explodes when ignited and does not produce any visible effect after the explosion, but does not include caps for toy guns.

Exhibition Fireworks (also known/referred to as Recreational High-Hazard Fireworks) means the effects of light or sound such as, but not restricted to barrages, bombs, bombshells, rockets, large wheels, waterfalls in addition to those classed under the Act as high hazard fireworks, but does not include firecrackers. Effects that reach above heights of 50 metres are termed high-level exhibition fireworks.

Family Fireworks (also known as Recreational Low-Hazard Fireworks) means a pyrotechnic device producing quantities or effects of light, sound, or smoke by the combustion of explosive or flammable composition and includes fireworks showers, fountains, golden rain, lawn lights, pin wheels, roman candles, volcanoes, and sparklers, classes under the Act as low hazard fireworks, but does not include caps for toy guns. Effects designed to rise to heights of less than 50 metres are termed low-level family fireworks.

**Pyrotechnic Special Effects** means and includes effects that are created through the firing of pyrotechnic, propellant, and explosive materials

and devices, and are used by the entertainment and film industry for indoor and outdoor performances. Examples include bullet effects, flash powders, smoke compositions, gerbs, lances and saxons.

#### BY-LAW NO. 2004-0122 STATES:

No person under the age of 18 years shall set off any Fireworks except under the direct supervision of and control of a person 18 years of age or over.

No person shall display Family Fireworks on land except his own or other privately owned land where the consent of the owner has been obtained.

No person shall discharge any Firework(s) in such a place or in such a manner as might create a danger or nuisance to any person or property.

No person shall cause or allow any unsafe act or omission at the time and place for the discharge of any Fireworks.

No person shall discharge any Firework(s) in or into any building,

doorway, structure, automobile, or any other place where such setting off might create a danger or nuisance to any person or property.

No person shall discharge any Firework(s) in or on or into any highway, street, lane, square, or other public place.

#### **MORE SAFETY TIPS**

Have a garden hose, pail of water or sand nearby to douse sparks, embers.

Keep children away from the fireworks discharge site.

Always aim the fireworks away from people and buildings.

Never hold the fireworks in your hand when lighting or discharging.

Do not smoke near the fireworks storage or discharge sites.

Always clean up the fireworks debris when finished and check for embers or smoldering materials.

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