



# Risk Management Considerations for Fireworks

**C**anadians look forward to celebrating with fireworks. A well-run fireworks display can be both enthralling and entertaining for the viewers of the show.

Some organizations choose to sponsor fireworks displays. However, from a risk management perspective, there are concerns that should be addressed.

If your organization chooses to set off fireworks, it is recommended that:

- You should use wheelbarrows or metal pails on a stable, level surface. They should be at least 150' away from combustibles such as dried grass, leaves or other buildings.
- Keep the public back at least 150' from the display.
- Keep a charged garden hose and fire extinguisher ready for potential spot fires.
- Fireworks should only be discharged in a large, open area.
- Consider asking or hiring a qualified, licensed individual to set off the fireworks.

- Read and follow all directions.
- “Dud” fireworks should be soaked in water for 20 minutes then disposed of in a metal garbage can. Never try to relight a “dud”.
- Light only one firework at a time.
- Only adults should handle fireworks.
- Remember that even sparklers can cause harm. Children must be closely supervised at all times.
- For additional tips, contact your local fire department.

## Professional Fireworks – Professionally Fired

If your organization is sponsoring a large, public fireworks display, you should:

Ask to see the current license of the supervisor and proof of liability insurance of at least \$5,000,000, Inclusive Bodily Injury and Property Damage - require a Certificate of Insurance.

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