

THE DO'S AND DON'T OF FIREWORKS!

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What can I do?

North Carolina General Statute 14-414 exempts the following types of pyrotechnic devices from regulation and inspection:

- Explosive caps designed to be fired in toy pistols, not exceeding twenty-five hundredths of a gram for each.
- Snake and glow worms composed of pressed pellets of a pyrotechnic mixture that produce a large, snake-like ash when burning.
- Smoke devices consisting of a tube or sphere containing a pyrotechnic mixture that produces white or colored smoke.
- Trick noisemakers which produce a small report designed to surprise the user and which is not in excess of 16 milligrams of explosive mixture.

What is illegal?

Anything that is not exempted by the NCGS listed above. This includes but is not limited to devices that:

- Detonate or explode
- Propel themselves through the air of any distance
- Contain more than 75 grams of chemical compound per tube
- Contain not more than a total of 200 grams if multiple tubes are used

Q: Can I go to another state, where these are legal, and purchase them?

A: Yes. As long as that state allows the purchase and you adhere to all of their laws and regulations, you may.

Q: Can I bring these back to NC and use them?

A: No. Any person that is found in violation of the above listed NCGS in Duplin County will be assessed the full penalty allowable by law.

Q: Is there any way to use these types of Fireworks legally?

A: Yes. You must first become a licensed NC Pyrotechnics Operator, carrying sufficient liability insurance and meet all requirements set forth by NCGS and the NC Office of the State Fire Marshal. Further, you must receive written permission from the Duplin County Board of County Commissioners to conduct the activity. Finally, a permit must be obtained from the Duplin County Fire Marshal's Office and pass a site inspection prior to the activity being performed.

Q: If I get caught, what can happen to me?

A: According to NCGS 14-415: Any person violating any of the provisions of this Article, except as otherwise specified in said Article, shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor, except that it is a Class 1 misdemeanor if the exhibition is indoors.



For more information...

NC Pyrotechnics Operator License ([Click Here](#))

NCGS Article 54 - Sale etc. of Pyrotechnics ([Click Here](#))

Duplin County Fire Marshal's Office Website ([Click Here](#))

Duplin County Board of County Commissioners ([Click Here](#))



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