



# Fireworks Display

## Frequently Asked Questions

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## What is this fact sheet about?

To provide an outline of the approval process for fireworks display. A pyrotechnician's or Fireworks (single use) licence is issued by SafeWork NSW by way of the Explosives Regulation 2013.

## Who needs to be notified?

The Explosives Regulation 2013 requires a condition of each licence to notify SafeWork NSW and the local council of an intention to use any fireworks. Additional authorities such as NSW Police, NSW Ambulance, Fire & Rescue NSW and neighbouring properties are required to be notified.

## Approvals

While Council have no power to approve the use of a firework, Council may object to or impose a condition on the applicant's use of fireworks. Under the Explosives Act 2003 the notified fireworks display cannot proceed if:

- Any of the authorities (for example Goulburn Mulwaree Council, NSW Police, Fire & Rescue NSW etc) raise an objection to the display;
- The licensee has not been able to resolve those objections with the Authority.

## What are the general requirements?

Council will utilise the Safework Guidelines when notification of an intention to use fireworks is received, and consider the following items when deciding whether to impose a condition or object to the display:

- The appropriateness of the location of the display. For example, proximity to residences, aged care facilities, animal shelters, the hospital and overhead obstructions such as trees and power lines.
- The reason for the display and the types of fireworks being proposed.
- The impact on any affected residents and business, noting neighbouring properties *must be notified* appropriately of the intended display by the way of a letterbox drop. Council will decide what it believes to be a reasonable area of notification.
- The impact on animal welfare.
- Noise and other pollution, public liability, public nuisance, disposal and clean-up of spent fireworks, traffic management issues etc.

These matters are covered by a self-assessment Fireworks Display checklist available on SafeWork NSW website via the following link: [SafeWork NSW Fireworks Display Checklist](#)

To reduce the risk of Council raising an objection, ample time should be applied to the planning and preparation of an event that proposes fireworks display. Early consultation with Council *a minimum of four (4) weeks prior* to the proposed fireworks display should be undertaken.

Formal lodgement of fireworks display notifications with SafeWork NSW must be completed *at least seven (7) working days* before the proposed event. The following documentation must be included when lodging the formal notice:

- Completed [SafeWork NSW Fireworks Display Checklist](#)
- Details of the pyrotechnicians licencing details
- Name of the organisation managing the event
- Details of the display including reasons for the event, date, and time of fireworks display.
- An aerial map of the property with clearly identified locations of:
  - o Fireworks display firing site
  - o Water provision area
  - o Spectator area
- Certificate of Currency for Public Liability Insurance.
- Copy of the risk assessment for the display.
- Copy of notification letters issued to:
  - o Neighbouring residents
  - o The local NSW Fire and Rescue
  - o The local area commander of NSW Police

## Who can I call for assistance?

Contact Councils Development Liaison Team on (02) 4823 4444 or via email to [council@goulburn.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@goulburn.nsw.gov.au)