

Apply for fireworks licence and use approved retailers

If you wish to buy, have, or use fireworks you need a fireworks licence. It is an offence to buy or have fireworks without one. Applications for a licence must be sent in by Tuesday 23 October if you want to use them over the Halloween period.

Application form for licence

The licence fee where there are less than 100 spectators is £30; for 100 to 1,000 spectators is £80; and for more than 1,000 spectators is £160.

You can find the application forms for a licence at these links:

Application forms are also available:

- by phoning 0300 200 7881
- directly from a registered retailer

Registered firework retailers

Retailers of fireworks must be registered and must display, prominently at the point of sale, their current licence or certificate of registration.

Don't be tempted to buy from illegal sources as you could face prosecution, and will be gambling with the safety of your family and friends.

You can find a list of registered firework retailers throughout Northern Ireland, listed by town/ city in alphabetical order on the following page:

Members of the public are encouraged to pass information about the illegal sale of fireworks to the [PSNI](#) or Crimestoppers on:

Firework safety

Make sure you handle fireworks safely and prevent accidents.

Fireworks can inflict serious injuries if mishandled, so follow the [firework code](#) at all times.

You should also be aware of the [law around the use of fireworks](#).

More useful links