

# Office of the Fire Marshal Kern County Fire Department

Fire Prevention

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## Inspector's Checklist Fireworks Stand

The following items must be checked and cleared **prior** to issuing a Kern County Fire Department Permit for the sale of **"Safe and Sane Fireworks."**

1. **Permits** - the following permits must be posted in the fireworks stand
  - a. **Kern County Fire Department Permit** (which you will issue if and when the inspection is cleared)
  - b. **State Fire Marshal's License**
  - c. **Sales Tax Permit** (issued by the State Board of Equalization)

2. **Location of Stand**

Property Line	3 feet separation
Curb line, alley, street or driveway	10 feet separation
Watchman's accommodations & generators	25 feet separation
Other buildings	50 feet separation
Gasoline storage, gasoline pump, or repair garage	100 feet separation
Other fireworks stands	500 feet separation

3. **Shade Canopies for Customers** - Canopies for customer shade can be used at fireworks stands providing the following conditions are met:
  - a. The canopy is structurally stable
  - b. The canopy consists of a roof only. It can have no sides
  - c. Must be of canvas, tent, or awning materials (flame retardant materials are not required)
  - d. The canopy can be attached to or detached from fireworks booth
  - e. The canopy can extend a maximum distance of 10' the booth
4. **Exits and Aisles**
  - a. Minimum of two **(2) exits required**. Three (3) exits required if stand is over 40' in length
  - b. Exit doors - minimum of 30 inches wide
  - c. Exit doors must be openable from inside without the use of a key or any special knowledge or effort
  - d. Aisles - minimum of 30 inches wide - must be unobstructed to exits
5. **Extinguishers** - provided by the fireworks supplier when fireworks are delivered
  - a. **Two 2A rated**, currently serviced, tagged extinguishers (**2A rated is a water extinguisher**)
  - b. Fire extinguishers must be accessible

6. **No Smoking Signs** - provided by the fireworks supplier when fireworks are delivered
  - a. Signs must be prominently displayed
7. **Other Hazards**
  - a. All weeds and combustibles must be cleared away from the stand at least **20 feet**
  - b. A maximum of one gallon of fuel in an approved can in a location **approved by Fire Department**
  - c. A non-combustible trash container must be immediately available
    1. The trash container must be located a minimum of **20 feet** from stand
    2. The trash container must be large enough to accommodate trash generated by stand
  - d. No open flame within 25 feet of fireworks stand.
8. **Toilet Facilities**
  - a. Must be immediately available
  - b. Either a permanent toilet or an approved chemical type intended for use by the night watchman
9. **Electrical**

Note: Building Department will not conduct an inspection. KCFD will do all electrical inspections.

  - a. All wiring inside stand must be in rigid metal raceway, Flexible conduit or EMT conduit.
  - b. Used only for lighting and two (2) duplex receptacles for sales equipment. All lamps (except fluorescent) shall be protected with approved wire guards.
  - c. Heavy duty extension cord (SO or SJ type) from power source to junction box on stand. The cord must be 14 gauge minimum.
  - d. Safari type (dry cell battery) lanterns are an acceptable alternative and are allowed inside the stand.

**Sale to persons under sixteen prohibited.**

No person shall sell or transfer any Safe and Sane fireworks to a person who is under 16 years of age from any fireworks stand.

**Operations.**

Operation of fireworks stands shall be in accordance with the following:

- There shall be at least one adult in attendance during the open or sale hours of the fireworks stand.
- No person under age 18 shall be permitted in a fireworks stand.
- There shall be at least one adult on the premises as night watchman for security during the hours of storage. Under no circumstances shall the watchman sleep within the fireworks stand. Accommodations for the watchman shall not be located within twenty-five (25) feet (7620 mm) of the fireworks stand.