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Fireworks Displays on School Campus

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Can We Shoot off Fireworks?

Can We Have a Fireworks Display on the School Campus?

Fireworks, by their very nature can be extremely dangerous. Therefore, before you jump into allowing the use of fireworks on your school campus you need to do your homework and develop a plan to ensure you meet all codes and regulations.

Fireworks displays are regulated by numerous organizations and agencies. These include:

- National Fire Protection Association
- National Fire Code
- The State of Missouri Fire Marshalls Office
- Local Governments and Fire Departments

It is not necessary for you to fully understand all of the regulations, however, it is important that you realize that if you want to have a fireworks display, you have regulations and guidelines to follow.



MUSIC's recommendations for fireworks displays are as follows:

- Develop a plan for the event. The plan should be the blueprint to ensure a safe outcome.
- Contact your local municipality, county and fire department for their input.
- Follow all requirements outlined by the State Fire Marshalls office.
- Identify a safe location for the display to take place.
- Contract with a reputable fireworks display company.
- Obtain a "certificate of liability" insurance naming your school district as an additional insured.

**The fireworks display will need to be managed
by a Missouri licensed fireworks pyrotechnic.**

A fireworks display can be a nice event if properly planned and managed. As with any other event, you should always keep the safety of your students, staff and visitors a top priority. If you have any questions, contact your MUSIC loss control staff.

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