

Questions about fireworks licensing and surety bonds

1. Does the State of Iowa require a surety bond as part of the application for a license to sell consumer fireworks?

Answer: No. A certificate of insurance with minimum per occurrence coverage of one million dollars and aggregate coverage of at least two million dollars that is valid for the entire period of the license is part of the requirements for the issuance of a consumer fireworks retail sales license by the State Fire Marshal.

2. If a bond is required, what will the bond guarantee, what is the bond amount, and will a specific bond form be required?

The State Fire Marshal does not require a bond for the issuance of a consumer fireworks retail sales license.

There may be other state or local laws and ordinances that may apply to the retail sales of fireworks. The Department of Public Safety does not give legal advice. It is strongly recommended that retailers and community groups who apply for a license check with the local officials, including the local fire service, for information on local laws and ordinances that may apply, before completing the licensing process and paying the license fee.