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Form FW01

**Isle of Man**  
Government

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

### The Fireworks Act 2004

## Fireworks Display Notice

### 1. Details of the person giving notice (the person letting of the fireworks)

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss, etc.)		Forename		Surname	
Address					
				D.O.B.	
Daytime tel. no.		Mobile		Email	

### 2. Display details

Date of display		Time	Between		and	
Location of display						
		Post Code (if applicable)				
Approximate number of persons attending						

\*If due to inclement weather the display has to be postponed please indicate another date .

Date of display		Time	Between		and	
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### 3. Is the address at 2 above your own private address?

Yes  No

*If you answered "Yes" to the above, please go to Section 4*

*If you answered "No" please complete the rest of this section*

Purpose of the display					
Time of the display: between		and			
Organisation holding the event (if applicable)					
<b>Person responsible for firing the display</b> (if there will be more than one person firing the display please indicate their name and address on a separate sheet of paper)					

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss, etc.)		Forename		Surname	
Address					
<b>Person responsible for event safety</b>					
Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss, etc.)		Forename		Surname	
Address					
An accurate site plan of the display site would be of assistance to the Emergency Services (see Explanatory Notes)					

#### 4. Declaration

I am 18 years or over and am the person purchasing, possessing and using the fireworks. I confirm that the information given in this notification is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate, true and complete.

Signature ..... Date .....

#### Checklist

Please make sure you have:

- \* Completed all relevant sections of the notification form
- \* Enclosed a site plan (for events not held at your own private address)
- \* Notified Isle of Man Newspapers on the correct form

#### **Official Use Only**

<i>Date Received</i>			
<i>Receipt issued</i>		<i>Receipt Number</i>	
<i>Notification dates</i>	<i>Paper</i>		<i>Date</i>

Please return your completed notification and site plan (if applicable) to -

**Mrs J Cross, Chief Executive's Office**  
**Department of Home Affairs,**  
**Homefield, 88 Woodbourne Road,**  
**Douglas, Isle of Man IM2 3AP**

**Important Information:** *The notification should be delivered or sent by recorded delivery to the above address no later than 21 days before the fireworks are to be discharged*



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## **Explanatory Notes**

Please read these notes carefully

- Notification is not required if you wish to purchase, possess and use a firework listed under Schedule 1 to the Fireworks Act 2004 (please see appendix). In order to ensure the devices you intend to purchase conform to those within that Schedule please see list in the Appendix. If you wish to purchase, possess or use of any other type of firework outside of the prescribed dates you must notify the Department of Home Affairs.

- The reference to a firework means one or more fireworks.

- The prescribed periods are -

A firework can not be sold by businesses except during the following periods -

- the period beginning on the 25<sup>th</sup> October and ending on the 5<sup>th</sup> November; and
- the period beginning on the 26<sup>th</sup> December and ending on the 31<sup>st</sup> December

A firework can only be discharged without notification to the Department of Home Affairs between -

- the period beginning on the 25<sup>th</sup> October and ending on the 7<sup>th</sup> November; and
- the period beginning on the 26<sup>th</sup> December and ending on the 1<sup>st</sup> January.

- There are four Categories of fireworks -

Category 1 - Fireworks classified as category 1 include sparklers and indoor fireworks.

Category 2 - Category 2 fireworks are the type on sale to the general public and are suitable for garden type displays.

Category 3 - Category 3 fireworks are normally only licensed for use by people with proven experience. They are the largest fireworks on retail sale.

Category 4 - Category 4 fireworks are normally only licensed for use by a recognised pyrotechnician. Category 4 fireworks should not be on sale to the general public and should only be purchased from a specialised retailer.

- The notification should be submitted to the Department as soon as possible and in any event no later than 21 days before the firework(s) are to be discharged
- Notifications not submitted on the prescribed form shall be rejected.

- The notice is only valid for the date stated on it. If due to inclement weather the event is postponed then it may be held on the second date notified for that purpose. If both dates are unsuitable a new notification must be made.
- The Department would request that firework(s) are not discharged after midnight.
- Notification for setting of firework(s) at a location other than your own private address will identify the person discharging the firework(s) (the person or persons who will use the firework(s)) and the person responsible for safety before, during and after the display - the same person may perform one or more of these roles. It would be of assistance to the Emergency Services if you were to provide a site plan for large displays. Guidance on the preparation of a site plan is attached. The Events Safety Advisory Group can be contacted for advice or guidance for events where public access is intended. The Group can be contacted through the Health and Safety at Work Inspectorate, Murray House, Mount Havelock, Douglas IM1 2SF, telephone 01624 685952 or email [eventsafety.dlge@gov.im](mailto:eventsafety.dlge@gov.im)
- The person notifying the Department must publish a notice in a newspaper in the Island not later than 10 days before the firework(s) are to be discharged. A copy of the Public Notice form that must be used is attached and must be given in a newspaper published and circulating in the Island not later than 10 days before the firework(s) are to be let off.
- Apart from putting a public notice in the newspaper if they are being discharged in a location close to one of the following you should consider notifying them out of courtesy –
  - Hospital
  - Veterinary Practice
  - Retirement Home
  - Petrol Station
  - Airport
  - Boarding Kennels or Cattery
  - Riding Stables
  - Farm with livestock
  - Neighbours with domestic animals

The Department will notify the Isle of Man Constabulary, the Fire and Rescue Service, the Emergency Services Joint Control Room and the Coastguards.

- A copy of the Firework Safety Code is attached for your information.

## **Enquires**

If you have any questions about your notification please contact:

Mrs J Cross –

Tel: 01624 694301

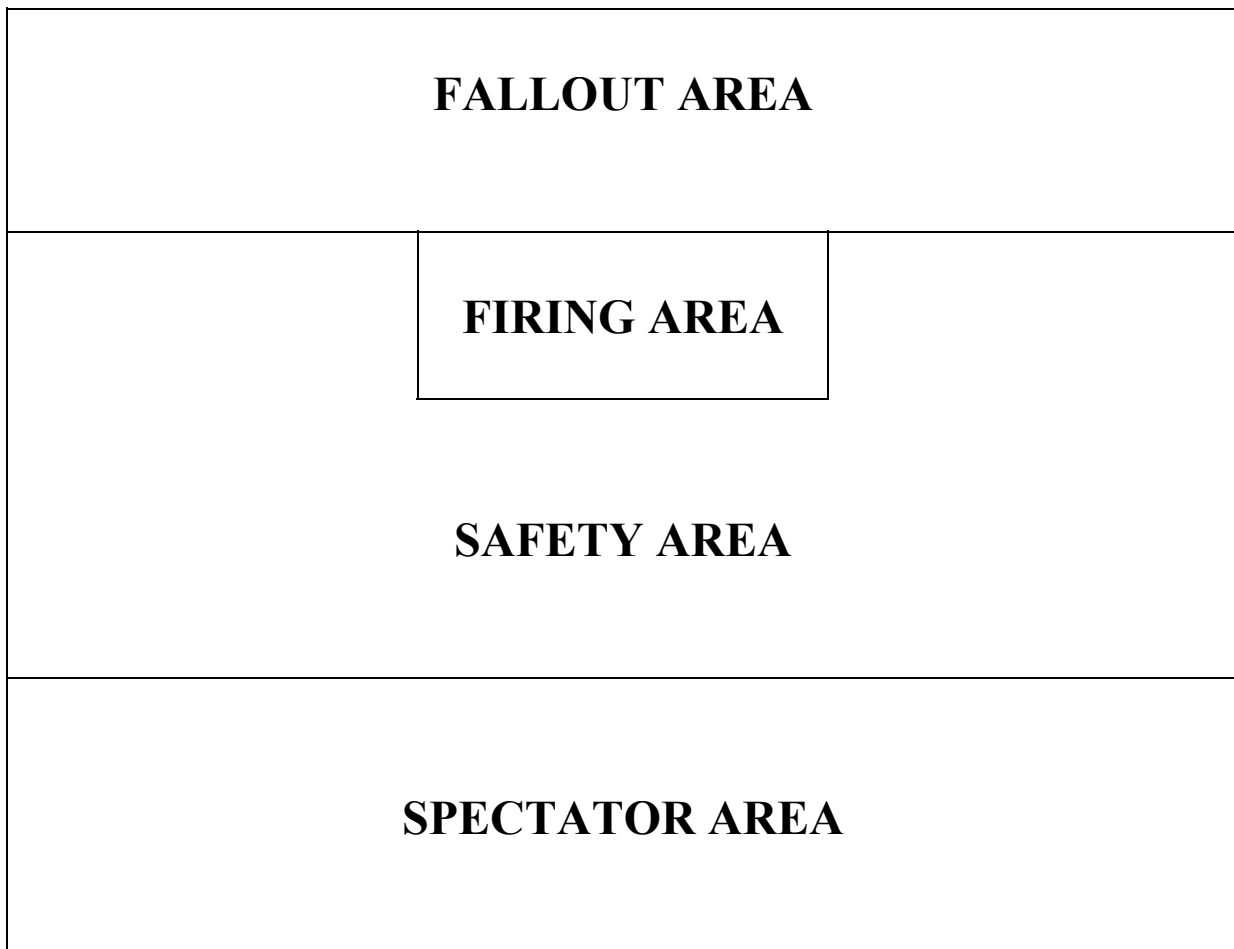
Fax: 01624 621298

Email: [julie.cross@dha.gov.im](mailto:julie.cross@dha.gov.im)

## **GUIDANCE FOR COMPLETING A SITE MAP FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAYS**

All site maps should be 25cm x 16 cm (A4 paper) and should contain:

- ≈ the scale;
- ≈ the fallout, firing, safety and spectator areas with dimensions in metres (see diagram below);
- ≈ the distance in metres from the firing area to the spectator area;
- ≈ the features of the site, e.g. overhead powerlines;
- ≈ areas of combustible material close to the display site, e.g. long grass;
- ≈ petrol, LPG or other flammable materials, which are stored close to the display area;
- ≈ the position of the barriers;
- ≈ the access for emergency services to display site; and
- ≈ any other information that you consider relevant.



## Fireworks exempt under Schedule 1 of the Fireworks Act 2004

1. An amorce, that is, a percussion cap designed for use in toys, which comprises a paper envelope containing a dot of impact-sensitive pyrotechnic composition and which forms part of a roll.
2. A cap, that is, a device (including, for the avoidance of doubt, an amorce) designed for use in toys which comprises a non-metallic envelope or cup containing a dot of impact-sensitive pyrotechnic composition, and which produces a report when it is hit.
3. A cracker snap, that is, a device which –
  - (a) comprises 2 overlapping strips of card or paper with a friction-sensitive explosive composition in sliding contact with an abrasive surface; and
  - (b) produces a report when pulled apart.
4. A novelty match, that is, a match with a dot of pyrotechnic composition which is designed to be held in the hand while functioning and whose functioning involves report or the production of visual effects, or both.
5. A party popper, that is, a device –
  - (a) which is designed to be held in the hand while functioning,
  - (b) which is operated by a pull string with an abrasive surface in sliding contact with a friction-sensitive pyrotechnic composition; and
  - (c) whose functioning involves a report with the ejection of streamers or confetti, or both.
6. A serpent, that is, a pre-formed shape of pyrotechnic composition, with or without support, whose functioning involves the generation of expanded residue.
7. A sparkler, that is, a rigid wire partially coated with slow-burning pyrotechnic composition, whose functioning involves the emission of sparks without report.
8. A throwdown, that is, a device comprising impact sensitive explosive composition and grains of inert material wrapped in paper or foil, which functions to produce a report when thrown onto the ground.