

FIREWORKS ACT 2004

The change in the Island's firework legislation introduced by the Fireworks Act 2004 means that from 19th December 2004 a person cannot set off a firework outside the prescribed periods covering Bonfire Night and New Years Eve without first notifying the Department of Home Affairs.

To fire any type of firework you have to notify the Department on a Fireworks Display Notice form and put a notice in an Island newspaper using the Press Notice form. The only exceptions to the requirements under the legislation are sparklers and some indoor fireworks. A list of these exceptions can be found in the downloadable list Exemptions.

You will have to specify the date, time and location of where the firework or fireworks will be let off.

The forms will need to be printed off and completed. You must deliver the Firework Display Notice to the Department's Head Office by hand or by recorded delivery no later than 21 days before the date of the display. You will then be issued with a receipt which you must bring with you to purchase fireworks.

The Press Notice must be printed in an Isle of Man Newspaper at least 10 days before the firework or fireworks are let off.

A copy of the notices and additional information can be downloaded from the Website:
<http://www.gov.im/government/departments/homeaffairs.xml>