

Arlington Heights Police Department

FIREWORKS - LAWS & ORDINANCES



425 ILCS 30/Fireworks Regulation Act of Illinois:

The term fireworks shall mean and include any explosive composition or any substance or combination of substances, or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect.....firecrackers, torpedoes, sky rockets, Roman candles, bombs or other fireworks of like construction and any fireworks containing any explosive compound. The term “fireworks” shall not include snake or glow worm pellets; smoke devices; sparklers....or other devices in which paper or plastic caps containing twenty-five hundredths grains or less of explosive compound are used.

425 ILCS 35/2 Possession, Sale and Use of Fireworks

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, co-partnership, or corporation to knowingly possess, offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail, or use or explode any display fireworks, flame effects, or consumer fireworks. City/Village/Town government shall have power to adopt reasonable rules and regulations for granting of permits for pyrotechnic and consumer displays.

Village of Arlington Heights - Ordinance Section 27-601

Fireworks Regulation Act of Illinois fireworks definition (above) was adopted.

Village of Arlington Heights – Ordinance Section 27-602

It shall be unlawful for any person within the Village to own, possess, discharge, manufacture, sell, expose for sale, loan or give away any substance or article of fireworks; except that the Village Manager may issue a permit for public fireworks display.

If found in possession of or observed using fireworks in Arlington Heights the following could occur:

- Issuance of a Local Ordinance Violation Complaint under 27-602 with a mandatory court appearance.
- Posting of \$75 cash bond, \$1,000/10% bond or issued Individual Recognizance Bond.
- Possible State charge under 35/2 – Class A Misdemeanor
- Possible in-custody transportation to police station for formal processing, which includes fingerprinting and photograph.
- Seizure of all illegal fireworks.
- Additional court fines and costs.
- Release of arrest and case information to press and news media.

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**There goes your money, your hand or your life!
Fireworks are against the law for a lot of reasons!**