

Course Topics

- 1. Regulators: NRCan / ERD / CERL
- 2. List of Authorized Explosives
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Natural Resources Canada (Federal Government Department)

- Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) seeks to enhance the responsible development and use of Canada's natural resources (including mining) and the competitiveness of Canada's natural resources products.
- NRCan is an established leader in science and technology in the fields of energy, forests, and minerals and metals and use their expertise in earth sciences to build and maintain an up-todate knowledge base of our landmass.

Explosives Regulatory Division

- Located within NRCan, the Explosives Regulatory Division (ERD) is responsible for administering Canada's *Explosives Act* and *Regulations*.
- ERD operates with two main goals in mind: first, to ensure public safety; and second, to strengthen national security.
- The National Fireworks Certification Program is administered by ERD.

Canadian Explosives Research Laboratory

- CanmetCERL (Canadian Explosives Research Laboratory) is the only Canadian government laboratory dealing with commercial explosives, and one of the few in the world.
- CanmetCERL routinely tests special effect pyrotechnics to determine their suitability for the Canadian market.

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Categories of Explosives Explosives Regulations, 2013 • F - Fireworks • ER, 2013 came into force on February 1st, Consumer Fireworks F.1 2014 Display Fireworks F.2 20 Parts Special Effects Pyro F.3 Part 9 - Transporting Explosives Part 14 - Small Arms Cartridges, Propellant Powders Fireworks Accessories F.4 & Percussion Caps Part 17 – Special Effect Pyrotechnics P - Propellants Black Powder P.1 Smokeless Powder P.2

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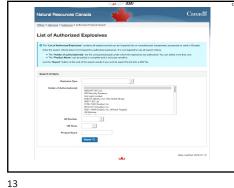
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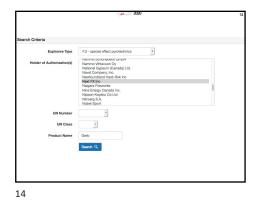
List of Authorized Explosives

- All special effects pyrotechnics in Canada must be authorized and listed on the List of Authorized Explosives.
- The List contains the following details for each explosive:
 - The name of the company (or person) who obtained the authorization;
 The trade name and classification of the explosives; and
 - Any restrictions imposed by the Chief Inspector of
 - Explosives

List of Authorized Explosives

- The list is available on the website: https://eservices.nrcan-rncan.gc.ca/web/elms-esml/
- Or, search for "list of authorized explosives" using a search tool like Google.





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Holder of Authorization	Explosive Type	Product Name	UN Number	UN Class	Hazard Category	Restrictions
Next FX Inc	F.3 - special effect pyrotechnics	Gerb Type 1 Gold 10'	0431	1.4G	PE 4	
Next FX Inc	E3 - special effect pyrotechnics	Gerb Type 1 Gold 12' (3.7m)	0431	1.4G	PE 4	
Next FX Inc	F3 - special effect pyrotechnics	Gerb Type 1 Gold 6'	0431	1.40	PE 4	
Next FX Inc	F.3 - special effect pyrotechnics	Gerb Type 1 Gold 8' (2.4m)	0431	1.4G	PE 4	
Next FX Inc	E3 - special effect pyrotechnics	Gerb Type 1 Gold Glitter 4' (1.2m)	0431	1.4G	PE 4	
Next FX Inc	E3 - special effect pyrotechnics	Gerb Type 1 Green 10' (3.0m)	0431	1.4G	PE 4	P - Suitable Unsupervise Pyro
Next FX Inc	F3 - special effect pyrotechnics	Gerb Type 1 Green 8' (2.4m)	0431	1.4G	PE 4	P - Suitable Unsupervise Pyro
Next FX Inc	F3 - special effect pyrotechnics	Gerb Type 1 Red 10' (3.0m)	0431	1.46	PE 4	P - Suitable Unsupervise Pyro

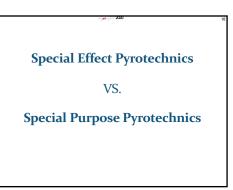
"P" Pyrotechnics

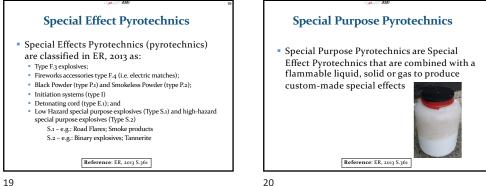
- Explosives that are classified as type F.3 and whose use by Pyrotechnicians or Visitor Pyrotechnicians has been authorized by the Chief Inspector of Explosives; as well as all fireworks accessories.
- These articles will be designated in a column in the list of Authorized Explosives by the letter "P".
- If the type F. 3 pyrotechnic article has the letter "P" in the column then the holder of a FOC Pyrotechnician or Visitor can use the pyrotechnic article unsupervised.

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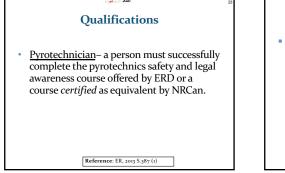




- 2. Senior Pyrotechnician
- 3. Special Effects Pyrotechnician 4. Special Effects Pyrotechnician -
- detonating cord 5. Visitor Pyrotechnician

Reference: SPFX Manual, 1.1

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AHJ

Authority Having Jurisdiction

Local Authority – In relation to special

effects pyrotechnics: the municipal,

provincial or territorial organization or office that has authority to authorize the use of

special effect pyrotechnics in a locality.

Typically the Fire Prevention Office

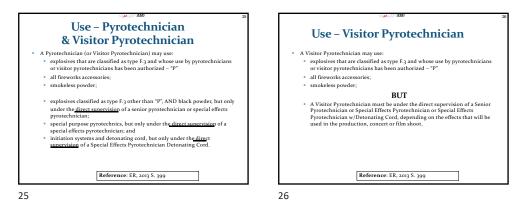
of the Local Fire Department

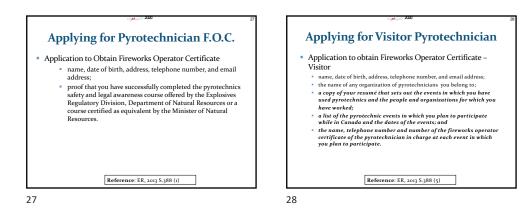
Reference: ER, 2013 S.6 (3)

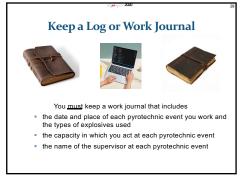
Visitor Pyrotechnician

 Visitor Pyrotechnician - a person must reside outside Canada and have the necessary experience using special effect pyrotechnics to safely carry out the activities of a holder of a fireworks operator certificate (Pyrotechnician).

Reference: ER, 2013 S.387 (5)





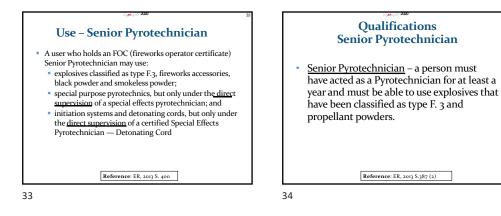


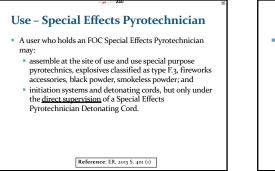






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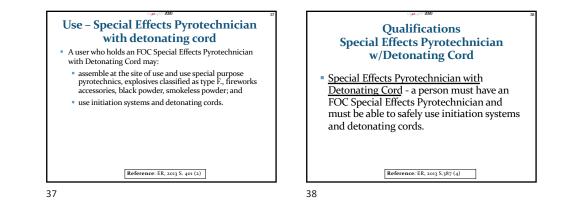




Qualifications Special Effects Pyrotechnician

 Special Effects Pyrotechnician – a person must have acted as a Senior Pyrotechnician for at least a year and must be able to safely use explosives that are classified as type F.3, propellant powders and special purpose pyrotechnics.

Reference: ER, 2013 S.387 (3)



Applying for Senior Pyrotechnician, Special Effects Pyrotechnician or Special Effects Pyrotechnician or Special Effects with Detonating Cord • Application for Modification of Fireworks Operator Certificate • a copy of the applicant's work journal that sets out... • the date and place of each pyrotechnic event at which the applicant has worked and the types of explosives used, • the capacity in which the applicant acted at each pyrotechnic event, • the name of the applicant's supervisor at each pyrotechnic event Reference: ER, aug S 5388 (a)

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 Additional Information and Documentation
 Senior Pyrotechnician - Establish that you have acted as a Pyrotechnician for a year and submit a letter from a supervisor which attests that you are able to safely use type F.3 explosives and propellant powder;
 Special Effects Pyrotechnician - establish that you have acted as a Senior Pyrotechnician for a year & submit a letter from a supervisor which attests that you are able to safely use type F.3 explosives, propellent powder and special purpose pyrotechnics.
 Special Effects Pyrotechnician — detonating cord), establish that you have acted as a Special Effects Pyrotechnician for a year and submit a letter from a supervisor which attests that you are able to safely use initiation systems and detonating cords.

Reference: ER, 2013 S.388 (4)

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Exemptions #2 – Re-enactments Users without a Licence or a Certificate may purchase, store and use... Percussion Caps & Propellant Powder IF the caps and powder are purchased for the use of original or reproduction firearms (including cannons) in a historical reenactment. You MUST have written consent of the local AHJ, and have experience in the safe use of explosives in re-enactment.

experience in the safe use of explosives in re-enactment, and have completed a course certified by the Minister of Natural Resources or be under the supervision of someone who has experience and has completed such a course.

Reference: Manual, 2014 S. 1.2.2

Eye Protection

- ALWAYS wear Eye Protection when handling pyrotechnics
- Even Matches!!!!
- There are NO exceptions!
- Rated Z87+



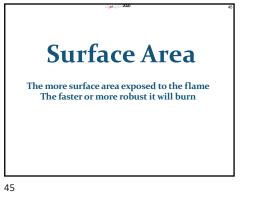
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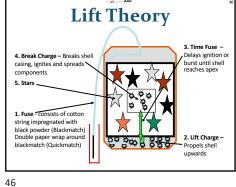
Eye Protection

Z87+ glasses must pass "high mass" tests
Dropping a 500 gram pointed weight from a height of about 5 feet onto the lens.
Shooting a ¼" steel ball at the lens, velocity varies. Glasses = 102 mph from a distance of 150'
Goggles = 170 mph from a distance of 250'



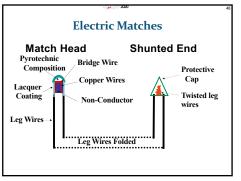
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Electric Matches

- A device used to cause the ignition of pyrotechnic materials.
- It consists of two wires terminating at the bridge wire coated or surrounded with a small quantity of heat-sensitive pyrotechnic composition.
- When a sufficient current is passed through the wire, the heat generated ignites the composition, producing a small flame or spark.



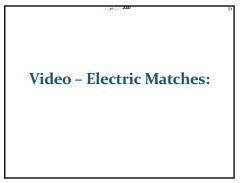
Electric Matches - Shunts

- Electric matches are <u>extremely sensitive</u> to...
- Impact
- Friction
- Electrostatic discharge
- RF

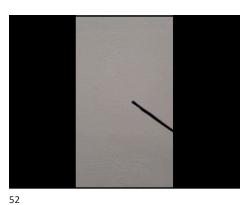
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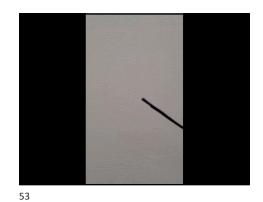


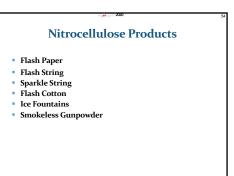












Videos - Nitrocellulose:

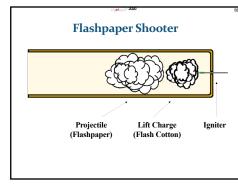
Flash Paper
Flash String
Sparkle String
Flash Cotton Ice Fountain Smokeless Powder Ball Powder





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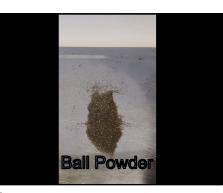










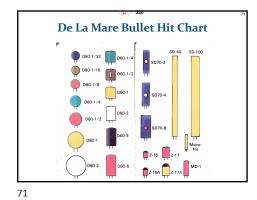


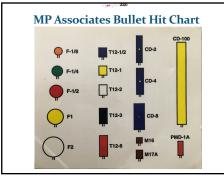


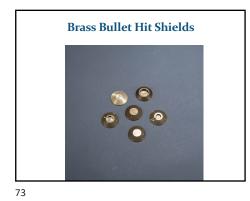










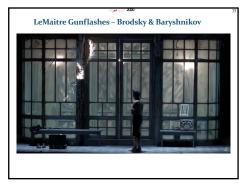




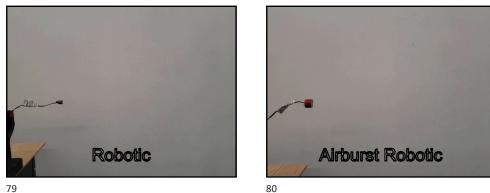
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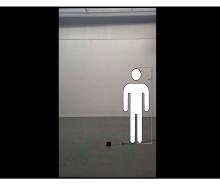
















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Smoke Effects

- A device usually a cartridge.
- When initiated it produces a quantity of smoke either White or Coloured.
- Note Coloured smoke cartridges use pigments that may stain wardrobe and scenery

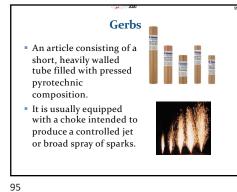
Videos – Smoke:

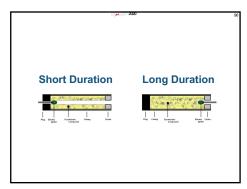
Mrs. Potts Type III (Beauty & The Beast Musical)
 90s Smoke Emitter – Enola Gay



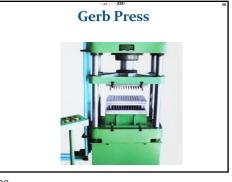
















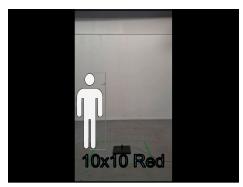








8 x 8 Gerb Demo





1 x 25 Gerbs – Toronto Raptors

















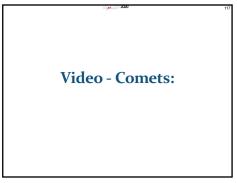








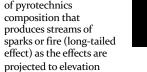
Comets Comet – a device that projects one large star of pyrotechnics composition that produces a stream of sparks or fire (long-tailed effect) as the effect is projected to elevation













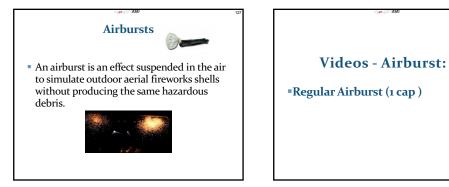




Video – Ringling Bros: •Falling Stars •Gold Mines











Video - Concert Pyro:

Flame Projectors
Mortar Hits
Tracer Comets
Mines
Airbursts





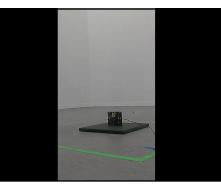






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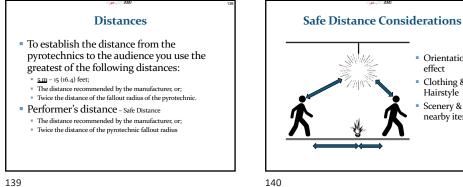


Videos – Flare:

 *18s White Flare - MP Associates
 *Gandalf Staff - 30s White (Lord of the Rings Musical)







Concussion Mortar Distances

 Concussion mortars must be well secured, separated from the audience, performers and support personal by 8 m - 25' (26.2')and barricaded (where required, to guard against shrapnel).

Manufacturer's instructions The manufacturer's instructions for setting up and firing the special effect pyrotechnics must be followed.

Orientation to

effect

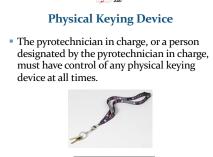
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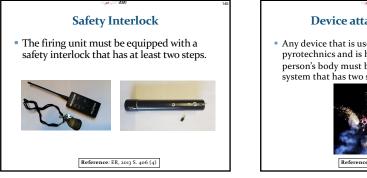
nearby items

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Reference: ER, 2013 S. 406 (3)

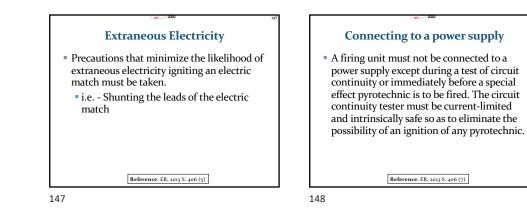


Device attached to body

 Any device that is used to contain special effect pyrotechnics and is hand-held or attached to a person's body must be equipped with a firing system that has two switches.



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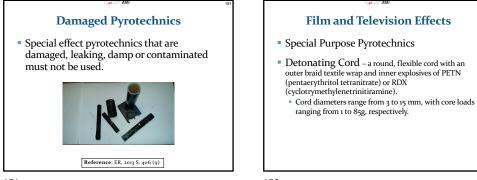


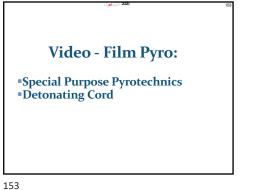




- designed and manufactured to prevent fragmentation or distortion of the device;
- designed and manufactured to prevent or contain fragmentation of the pyrotechnics;
- mounted so as to prevent any change in position or direction when used;
- positioned and secured in a manner that minimizes the likelihood of harm to people and property; and
 maintained in good condition.
 - namtamed in good condition.

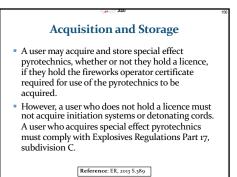
Reference: ER, 2013 S. 406 (8)

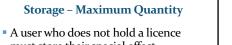












- must store their special effect pyrotechnics in a dwelling or a storage unit.
- No more than <u>500 electric matches</u> and <u>25</u> <u>kg of other special effect pyrotechnics</u> may be stored at any one time.

Reference: ER, 2013 S.391 and S.392

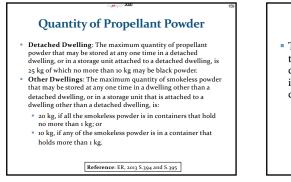
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Black Powder / Smokeless Powder

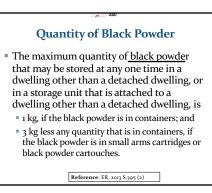
- Smokeless powder must be stored in its original container or in small arms cartridges.
- Black powder must be stored in its original container, in small arms cartridges or in black powder cartouches.

Reference: ER, 2013 S.393

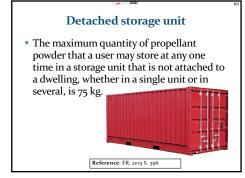
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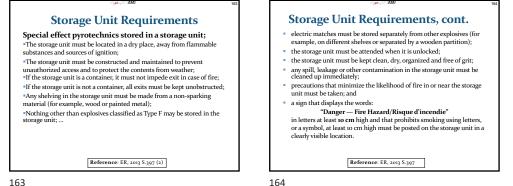
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Storage Requirements - Dwelling

 When special effects pyrotechnics are stored in a dwelling, they must be stored away from flammable substances and sources of ignition, in a manner that protects the pyrotechnics from theft and ensures that access to them is limited to people authorized by the user.





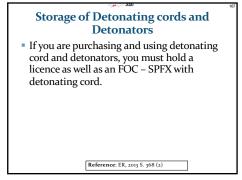
Storage Requirements for site of use

- The storage unit must be made from, or lined with, a non-sparking material, marked with the words "Pyrotechnics/Pièces pyrotechniques" and kept locked, away from flammable substances and sources of ignition in an area that is not accessible to the public.
- Nothing other than special effect pyrotechnics may be stored in the storage unit.

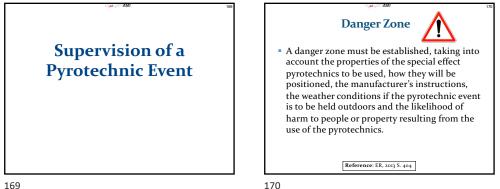
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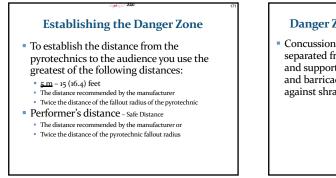
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Storage for site of use offects pyrotechnics • Of the 5 kg that may be store 3 kg may be propellant powder Storage limit at site of use 25 kg Since the storage is in a controlled access area, the public is not at risk Reference: ER, 2013 S. 398 (3)









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Danger Zone - Concussion Mortars

 Concussion mortars must be well secured, separated from the audience, performers and support personal by 8 m - 25'(26.2')and barricaded (where required, to guard against shrapnel).

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Danger Zone - Special Purpose **Pyrotechnics**

Red Zone – Prohibited access

- · Off limits or closed location only pyrotechnicians allowed in the Red Zone while the charge is being prepared or placed
- Distance (m) = 7 x quantity 1/3 (kg)
- Shatter Zone Window breakage Shatter Zone delineates the area in which the overpressure is sufficient to break residential windows
 - Distance (m) = 65 x quantity 1/3 (kg)
- Green Zone General protection

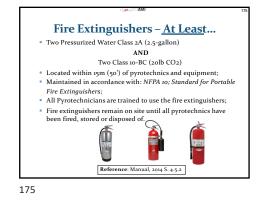
For protection against shrapnel, fragments or projected material that can be propelled much farther than the actual blast perimeter

Distance (m) = 120 x quantity 1/3 (kg)

Fire Prevention and First Aid

 During the pyrotechnic event, fire prevention measures that minimize the possibility of harm to people or property must be put in place and facilities, equipment and personnel for fire fighting and administering first aid that minimize the possibility of harm must be present at the site.

Reference: ER, 2013 S. 405

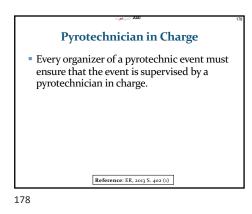


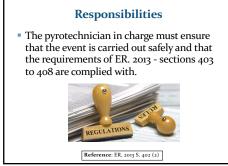


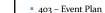


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- Information to be included
- Submit to AHJ
- Safety Meetings
- 404 Danger Zone
- Establish Zone
- No Flammables
- Only authorized people
- No Smoking
- 405 Fire Prevention & First Aid



- Follow Manufactures Instruction
- Access to Firing Unit
- Key Control
- Safety Interlocks
- Minimize Extraneous Electricity (Shunts)
- Two switches with handheld devices
- Connection to Power Supply only when...
- Integrity of Holders
- Do Not use damaged, leaking etc.
- Do not fire if...
- Postpone or stop if...

407 – After Firing

- Immediately disconnect firing unit from power
- Do not approach misfires until...
- Take precautions
- Inspect site
- No one unauthorized may enter site until...
- 408 Record of the Event
- Logbook

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Permit Application Checklist

- Name & Certification of the Supervising Pyrotechnician
- Names & Certification of any other Pyrotechnicians
- Drawing showing location of pyro, participants, distances to audience, exits, & fire extinguishers
- List of Fire Extinguishers, Fire Blankets & First Aid kits supplied Letter of permission from the venue
- Insurance certificate naming the Municipality as co-insured
- List of the types and manufacturers of the effects you propose to use
- Proof the pyro is on the Authorized List
- Dates of the first and last public performances
- Day and time, before the first public performance, when the Fire Department can inspect.
- Firing order and type of firing system
- Any other relevant information
- Risk Assessment

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- We start by making a number of guarantees:
- We will have Fire Extinguishers that meet or exceed the requirements;

Our Risk Assessments

- Fire extinguishers will be located close to effects and spotters;
- Our staff are trained in the use of Fire Extinguishers;
- We will have Fire Blankets and a First Aid kit;
- Our staff are First Aid trained and certified:
- Our operator will be in line of sight of the effects OR There will be video cameras with monitors for the operator;
- There will be a spotter in contact with the operator;
- Staff will have Clearcom or Radios to be able to communicate;
- All hardware and effects comply w/ERD regs and NFPA 1126;
- All hardware will be robust and prevent accidental re-direction;
- Control system is purpose built and has a key lockout;
- We will have a phone to call 911 if required.

Our Risk Assessments - cont'd

- After making these promises, we conclude...
- All effects are secured and at safe distances from audience and performers;
- We may name certain effects and their specific distances;
- Therefore...... The Risk Level is Low!

Plan

- A pyrotechnic event plan must be prepared in writing and kept for two years after the date of the pyrotechnic event. The plan must include the following information:
- The name of the pyrotechnician in charge and the number and expiry date of their fireworks operator certificate;
- A description of the site of the event, including the placement of the special effect pyrotechnics, the proximity of the audience and the location of every exit, every storage area for the pyrotechnics and every smoke detector that may be triggered by the pyrotechnics used in the event;

Reference: ER, 2013 S. 403 (1)

Plan - cont'd The type and trade name of each special effect pyrotechnic that will be used and name of the manufacturer that obtained its authorization; A description of each special effect pyrotechnic; the anticipated height, duration and fallout effect of the effects of each special effect pyrotechnic; a description of the anticipated effects of each special purpose pyrotechnic; the method and sequence of firing the special effect pyrotechnic; and

 an assessment of the likelihood of harm to people or property resulting from the use of the special effect pyrotechnics.

Reference: ER, 2013 S. 403 (1)

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Approval • The plan must be submitted to the AHJ. The written approval of the local authority to hold the pyrotechnic event must be obtained before the event takes place.

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Safety Meetings • Meetings must be held with the people who will participate in presenting the pyrotechnic event (for example, security guards, artists and technicians) to inform them of the special effect pyrotechnics that will be used and the safety precautions to be taken during the event. Subsequent meetings must be held if the event is changed in a way that increases the likelihood of harm to people or property resulting from the use of the pyrotechnics.

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Access

 Only people authorized by the pyrotechnician in charge may enter or be in the danger zone from the time any special effect pyrotechnics are brought into the zone until the pyrotechnician in charge declares the zone to be free of explosives.



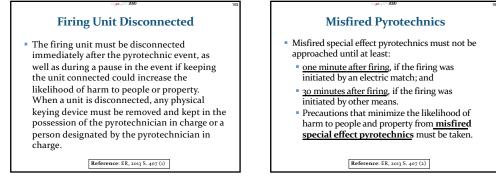
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No Firing A special effect pyrotechnic must not be fired if a circumstance occurs that could increase the likelihood of harm to people or property. If it feels unsafe – <u>Do Not Fire</u>

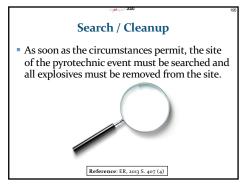
Postponing or stopping event

 A pyrotechnic event must be postponed or stopped if unfavourable weather conditions develop (outdoor use), a special effect pyrotechnic malfunctions, or any other circumstance occurs that could increase the likelihood of harm to people or property.

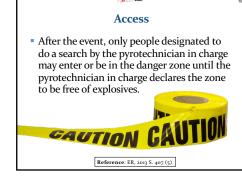
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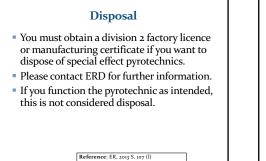




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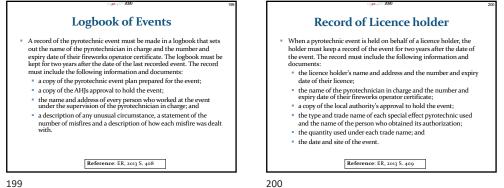
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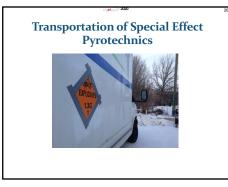


Reporting Incidents

A holder of a licence, permit or <u>certificate</u> must inform an inspector as soon as the circumstances permit of any of the following incidents that involves an explosive under their control:

- the theft, attempted theft or loss of an explosive;
- a fire, spill or accidental explosion;
- an injury or death; or
- any accidental property damage.











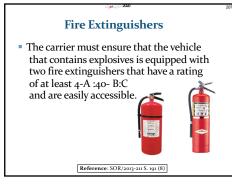


Explosives Regulations – Part 9

- The portion of the vehicle containing explosives is kept locked except during loading and unloading.
 A carrier must not transport explosives in a towed vehicle.
- Safety makes required when the vehicle is on public highways are also required when the vehicle is not na public highways are also required when the vehicle is not on a public highway.
 Explosives must be packaged and contained in such a manner that, under normal conditions of transport, the likelihood of ignition is
- minimized.
- Ensure things other than explosives are not transported with explosives unless the things are stowed or separated from the explosives to minimize the likelihood of ignition.
- The vehicle to transport explosives must be in sound mechanical
- condition and inspected daily during transport.
 The driver must ensure that a parked vehicle is attended.
 A person must not smoke or be under the influence of a performance diminishing substance while in or attending a vehicle containing

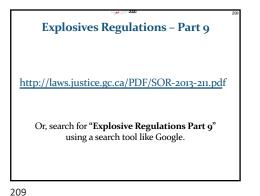
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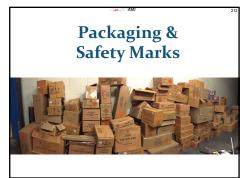
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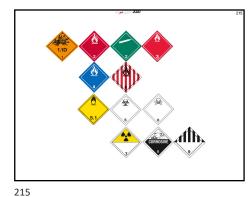








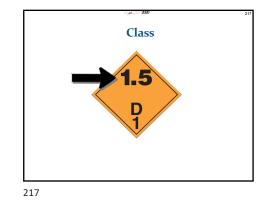
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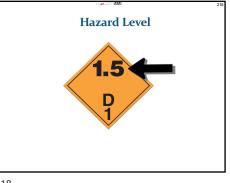


Dangerous Goods

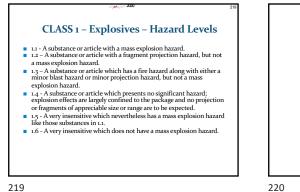
- Class 1 Explosives
 Class 2 Gases
 Class 3 Flammable Liquids
 Class 4 Flammable Solids, Substances liable to spontaneous
 combustion; Substances that on contact with water emit flammable

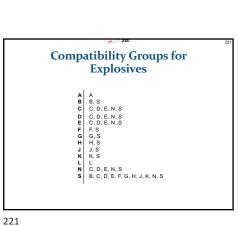
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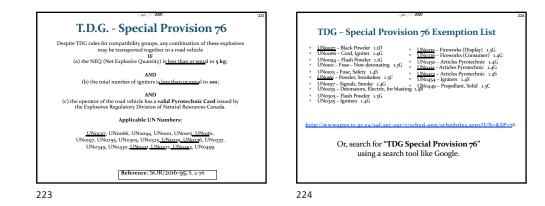
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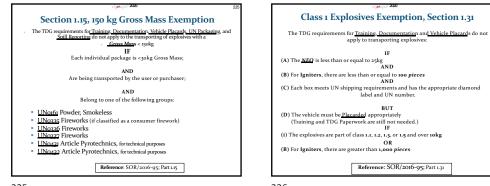




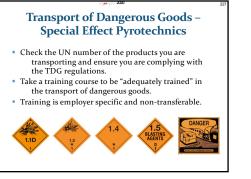


- 1.4G Smoke pots, mines, gerbs, comets, etc. **1.4S** Bullet hits, electric matches, blank cartridges or articles with improved packaging. • 1.3C Smokeless Powder.
- 1.1D Black Powder.
- **1.1B** Detonators, high strength squibs.











Resources

- National Fireworks Certification Program
- Special Effects Pyrotechnics Manual
- Publications
- Pyrotechnics Associations
- Other Sources

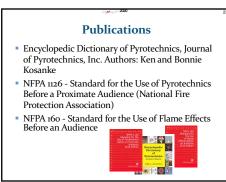
The National Fireworks Certification Program

Email: ERDmms@nrcan.gc.ca Phone: 343-292-8741 Fax: 613-948-5195 Website: http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/explosives/fireworks/9885

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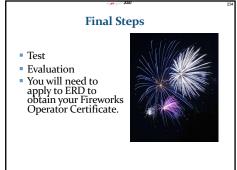


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Test

Download your copy of the test from the following url: www.gun-smoke.ca/pyrotechnicstest

At the top of the form, be sure to enter your Full Name
 The test is a PDF form. You will require a PDF reader such as Adobe Acrobat or similar program. Mark off your answer for each question.
 When you have completed the test - SAVE IT
 Send completed test to: gunsmokecanada2o20@gmail.com

•You have 30 min. to complete the test.

"Stay logged into Zoom after completing the test, the course will continue.

"We will e-mail you your results and certificate within 10 business days

Applying for Pyrotechnician

We have put up an easy to follow "How To" guide for applying for or renewing your certification with ERD on the Gunsmoke Canada Website.

https://www.gun-smoke.ca/copy-of-about

This link will direct you on what you need and how to register for the NRCan eServices portal.

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