

CHAPTER 65  
FIREWORKS DISPLAYS—  
STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

**571—65.1(461A) Entities eligible for permits.** Permits shall be issued only to qualified entities such as political subdivisions of the state of Iowa; community or civic organizations such as Chambers of Commerce; Junior Chambers of Commerce (Jaycees); Rotary Clubs; Elks Lodge, and similar fraternal benefit associations or societies. Permits will not be issued to individuals. Permits are not transferable to another entity and do not relieve the sponsoring entity from obtaining any other permits required by the state or its political subdivisions.

**571—65.2(461A) Application procedure.**

**65.2(1)** At least 30 days prior to the scheduled fireworks display the sponsoring entity shall submit an application to the park management bureau of the department of natural resources (DNR). Application forms shall be furnished by the DNR. Submission of an application does not guarantee issuance of a permit by the DNR.

**65.2(2)** The application shall be accompanied by a bond or certificate of insurance naming the applicant and the DNR as insured in the sum of not less than \$1,000,000. The department of natural resources may, at its discretion, require a greater amount. The bond or insurance shall insure to the use and benefit of the DNR or any person who suffers damage either to person or property by reason of the display of fireworks covered by the permit.

**65.2(3)** The sponsoring entity shall certify in the application that the fireworks display will be conducted by a competent operator. The location of the display shall be determined by the department of natural resources representative in charge of the area.

**571—65.3(461A) Fireworks display procedures.**

**65.3(1)** The sponsoring entity must take adequate safety precautions to ensure that persons not actively involved in conducting the display remain a safe distance from the firing area and any areas containing set pieces.

**65.3(2)** The DNR representative in charge of the area in which the display is being conducted or any state peace officer may halt any display when the character, location, weather or firing of the display makes it hazardous to property or dangerous to any person or persons.

**65.3(3)** Any fireworks that remain unfired after the display is concluded shall be immediately disposed of by the operator or the sponsoring entity in a way safe for the particular type of fireworks remaining.

**65.3(4)** The sponsoring entity shall make arrangements for firefighting equipment and emergency medical services to be on the scene at all times during the firing of the display.

**65.3(5)** The sponsoring entity is totally responsible for cleanup of the fireworks display site at the conclusion of the display.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 461A.42.

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