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# Explosives (including Fireworks)

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Any person wishing to store or supply explosives, including fireworks, must obtain a licence from the council.

You must not store explosives / fireworks until you have been granted a licence. Licences will be refused if the site is unsuitable or the applicant is considered not to be a fit person to store explosives.

The Explosive Regulations 2014 came into effect on 1 October 2014.

Storage of up to 2,000 kg (2 tonnes) of explosives (including fireworks) are applied for through the council.

To store quantities in excess of 2 tonnes you need to apply to the [Health and Safety Executive](#).

No person may acquire more than 50 kg of fireworks unless they have a valid licence to store them.

No person must sell or transfer more than 50 kg of fireworks to any person unless they have been shown a valid licence.

An explosive licence only permits you to store or sell during the following periods:

- 15 October to 10 November
- 26 December to 31 December
- On the 1st day of the Chinese New Year, and the 3 days immediately preceding it
- On the day of Diwali and the 3 days immediately preceding it

To supply fireworks or explosives all year round you will need a fireworks licence. You must however also continue to hold an explosives licence and comply with the terms of that licence.

## Apply for an explosives licence

Download and complete the [application form \[418KB\]](#) and return with the fee as stated on the form, a risk assessment, a copy of your public liability insurance and a floor plan of the premises. The [HSE website](#) has a risk assessment checklist and guidance for retailers on storing and selling fireworks safely.

After the premises have been successfully inspected by a trading standards officer we aim to issue the licence within 5 working days.

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## Contact

### Licensing service

Municipal buildings, Corporation Street, Blackpool, FY1 1NF

**Telephone** 01253 478570

**Email** [licensing@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@blackpool.gov.uk)

The licensing service is available to contact by telephone between 10:00am and 2:00pm Monday to Friday or visit in person by appointment only at the licensing desk at Blackpool Council's Customer First Centre on Corporation Street .

## Additional information

[Business Companion - Trading Standards fireworks guidance](#)

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