

Background

Recent changes to the legislation has made it an offence to possess fireworks outside the legislated period – 1 July 2009.

Where NT WorkSafe receives a complaint about fireworks NT WorkSafe will in the first instance deliver a warning letter to the suspected household.

Under the *Dangerous Goods Act* (2003), s18(1), officers of NT WorkSafe and members of the NT Police **have the power to enter premises or vehicles** that he or she reasonably believes is being, or has been used, in the handling of dangerous goods. Further, officers have the **authority to seize any dangerous goods** where he or she reasonably believes that an offence is being, or has been committed against this Act or the Regulations.

Legislation

Pursuant to regulation 140 (1) of the Dangerous Goods Regulations, it is an offence to ignite fireworks outside the approved period. The approved period for ignition was gazetted as between 6pm and 11pm 1st July 2009.

Pursuant to regulation 5D of the Dangerous Goods Regulations, it is an offence to possess fireworks outside the approved period without a licence.

A full copy of the [Dangerous Goods Act](#) and [Regulations](#) can be found at our website.

**You may face a penalty of up to
\$5,000 per offence**

Frequently asked questions

My neighbour or somebody in the street is letting off fireworks. What can I do?

You should lodge a complaint with the police and NT WorkSafe. If you have reasonable suspicion as to who it may be you should inform the police and NT WorkSafe.

What is WorkSafe going to do about it?

An NT WorkSafe officer will deliver a letter to the address supplied advising the occupant of the report that they may be in possession of fireworks illegally and outlining the legal requirements.

Alternately you may choose to print this information sheet and place it in the letterbox of the suspected possessor.

I have left over fireworks, what can I do with them?

As it is offence to hold fireworks outside the legislated period you can surrender them to any police station or NT WorkSafe.

Further information

Additional information on this issue or other safety matters is available at NT WorkSafe:

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