



## SEC-018 Fireworks Display

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**Applies To**

Academic Division The Medical Center

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**Reason for Policy**

To protect life, health and property at the University from fires caused by the use of fireworks and pyrotechnics.

**Definition of Terms**

### Fireworks

A device consisting of a combination of explosives and combustibles, set off to generate colored lights, smoke and noise for amusement.<sup>1</sup>

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### Pyrotechnics

**1.** The art of manufacturing or setting off fireworks. **2.** A fireworks display.<sup>2</sup>

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**Policy Statement**

Fireworks and pyrotechnics can only be displayed or discharged at the University by individuals licensed to do so and only then after the site and activity has been approved by Environmental Health & Safety and the State Fire Marshal's Office. Additionally, a fireworks/pyrotechnics permit must be obtained from the State Fire Marshal's Office (SMFO). Environmental Health & Safety should be contacted and they will obtain the permit

from the SMFO. There is a fee imposed by the SMFO for these permits.

Additionally, licensed individual(s) and/or firms conducting the fireworks and pyrotechnics must have a bond or insurance that has been reviewed and approved by the University's Office of Risk Management.

Fireworks and pyrotechnics can not be discharged when wind speeds are in excess of 20 miles per hour. Storage or possession of any fireworks and pyrotechnics by any non-licensed individuals is not permitted at the University.

Environmental Health and Safety and/or the State Fire Marshal's Office have the right to call off a scheduled fireworks or pyrotechnics show at any time.

**Compliance with Policy:**

Failure to comply with the requirements of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination or expulsion in accordance with relevant University policies and may result in prosecution in accordance with state and federal law. This includes complying with the applicable adopted version of the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code along with the associated legal proceedings to restrain, correct, or abate such alleged violation.

Questions about this policy should be directed to [Environmental Health & Safety](#).

**Major Category** [Safety, Security and Environmental Quality](#)

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Academic Division and the Medical Center.

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