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Celebrate Legally Fireworks Enforcement Campaign

Unlicensed Importers

All law enforcement officers and dispatchers should be informed that it is illegal for shippers not possessing a current State Firework's Importers license to transport fireworks into the state.

The following information states the justification of further action necessary by law enforcement officers.

- RCW 70.77.255.(1)(c) states: (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, no person, without appropriate state licenses and city or county permits as required by this chapter may transport fireworks, except as a common carrier delivering to a licensee.
- WAC 212-17-352 states: No common carrier, as defined in RCW 81.29.010, shall deliver fireworks from an out-of-state shipper to any person or firm within this state without first determining that the person or firm possesses an importer's license, issued by the Director of Fire Protection to receive them, or the shipper has an importer's license issued by the Director of Fire Protection to ship them into this state.
- RCW 70.77.200 defines Importer as: Any person who for any purpose other than for personal use: (1) brings fireworks into this state or causes fireworks to be brought into this state; (2) procures the delivery or receives shipments of any fireworks into this state; or (3) Buys or contracts to buy fireworks for shipment into this state. A violation of this section is a gross misdemeanor.
- RCW 70.77.549 – Civil Penalty – Costs. In addition to criminal penalties, a person who violates this chapter is also liable for a civil penalty and for the costs incurred with enforcing this chapter and bringing the civil action, including court costs and reasonable investigative and attorneys' fees.



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