



# Maine Information and Analysis Center

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## Fireworks: Prohibited Items

**The following devices are illegal for a general consumer to sell, use, or possess in the State of Maine\* - THIS IS NOT A COMPLETE LIST . Do not assume that any item not listed below is permissible by law.**

**\*Permissible use is restricted to pyrotechnicians, licensed by the state of Maine and permitted to conduct a commercial fireworks show per regulations.**

**Missile-Type Rockets:** A device similar to a sky rocket in size (Pg. 2), composition, and effect that uses fins rather than a stick for guidance and stability. Missiles shall not contain more than 20 grams of total chemical composition.



To report suspicious behavior contact Maine's fusion center – The Maine Information and Analysis Center  
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**Devices are illegal\* to sell, use, or possess in the State of Maine, Pg. 2**  
(Except by a Maine Licensed pyrotechnician)



**Bottle Rockets**

**Sky Rockets and Bottle Rockets.** Cylindrical tube containing not more than 20 grams of chemical composition as prescribed under section 3.7 and Table 4.3-1 of the *American Pyrotechnics Association Standard 87-1* with a wooden stick attached for guidance and stability. Rockets rise into the air upon ignition. A burst of color and/or sound may be produced at or near the height of flight.



**Sky Rockets**



**Helicopter**

**Helicopter and Aerial Spinners.** A tube containing more than 20 grams of chemical composition, with a propeller blade attached. Upon ignition the rapidly spinning device rises into the air. A visible or audible effect may be produced at or near the height of flight



**Spinners**

**Mortar / Launch Tubes:** There really is no specific requirement though they typically will be 1.75 in. or less and should not contain more than 60 grams of chemical composition including reports (bangs), break charge (colors), and lift charge per tube.

**Other prohibited items** include those commonly known as Cherry Bombs, M-80s and others. Determination is a factor of chemical composition. **Contact the Fire Marshal's Office for more information.**

***The devices mentioned above are illegal\* due to potential errant flight patterns that result from the fins, propeller blade, or stick attached. Wind, an un-level launch, and other factors combined with these features contribute to the device being unpredictable in terms of what direction it might go.***

For additional information contact Richard Taylor in the Fire Marshal's Office, and you will find additional device-specific information at any of the following three websites:

<http://www.tntfireworks.com/>   <http://www.fireworks.com/>   <http://www.atlaspyro.com/>

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