

Pyrotechnics Policy

If fireworks, pyrotechnics, or flame effects are intended to be used at any event at the AT&T Performing Arts Center, the following policy and procedures must be adhered to:

General Requirements:

- The sponsoring organization must complete a Pyrotechnics Application and submit to the Operations Department of the AT&T Performing Arts Center a minimum of 2 weeks in advance of the event.
- A Texas licensed pyrotechnics company is required to facilitate and operate all pyrotechnic displays at the Center. The pyrotechnics company will be an independent contractor working for the sponsoring organization.
- The Texas licensed pyrotechnics company is responsible for pulling the local permit as well as making certain that the Certificate of Insurance is on file with the authority having jurisdiction. In addition, the pyrotechnician will arrange for a demonstration of the effects if required. The pyrotechnician must be on site for said demonstration and whenever the pyrotechnics are used.
- The sponsoring organization will be responsible for all fees associated with the use of pyrotechnics during the event. These include the necessary permits, and Fire Marshal inspections or demonstrations, local licensed pyrotechnician's fees, site security and clean up.
- All displays must be in accordance with the NFPA 1123 Code for Fireworks Display, NFPA 1126 Standards for Use of Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience, NFPA 160 Standards for Flame Effects Before an Audience, and Texas Occupations Code Chapter 2154 Regulation of Fireworks Displays.

Insurance Requirements:

The Texas licensed pyrotechnics company must be adequately insured in accordance with the minimums described in the Texas Occupations Code Chapter 2154. AT&T Performing Arts Center must be listed as additionally insured. Insurance liability is subject to review by the Center and additional limits will be required subject to location.

Pyrotechnics Application:

The Operations Department will provide overall coordination of the approval for use of fireworks, pyrotechnics or flame effects displays. The sponsoring organization must submit a completed Pyrotechnics Application to the AT&T Performing Arts Center Production Manager at least four weeks prior to the event. The application must include the following:

- A certificate of insurance for the display operator
- A copy of the display operator's license
- A diagram of the display location from the display operator
- An effects list/schedule from the display operator

Approval Process:

- Applicant submits application to the Production Manager
- Production Manager will forward completed applications to the Operations Department, Director of Operations, and Security for review and approval
- Production Manager will arrange for a site survey with all necessary parties.
- Production Manager will review display operator's certificate of insurance
- Director of Operations will communicate with surrounding buildings regarding fireworks proposals near their facilities
- Director of Operations will provide fully approved authorization notification with all noted changes to sponsoring organization, Production Manager, and Security.

Post Approval:

- At least two days prior to the event the pyrotechnic operator must submit a copy of the permit to the Center along with a plan for communication prior to and during the display to summon emergency services
- Sponsoring organization must arrange for security with AT&T Performing Arts Center Operations Department to restrict access to the shooting area upon request of organization (there will be a fee). Sponsoring organization must also make arrangements for any necessary clean up as required by the Operations Department.
- Security will mark the location of the display for fireworks prior to the arrival of the display operator

Outdoor Fireworks Display Event:

The display operator and the Operations Department will monitor weather conditions prior to and during the display event. AT&T Performing Arts Center and Dallas County Fire Department have the authority to cancel or postpone any display if they determine there is not strict adherence to the approved application; or there is lightning, wind gusts or inclement weather that will cause risks to the crowd or surrounding property.

The following actions will occur on the day of the display:

City of Dallas -

- Verify that the display set up is in compliance with the approved plan
- Verify that the display operator is in compliance with NFPA 1123

AT&T Performing Arts Center Security -

- Verify that there is no vehicle parking within the display site
- Provide security to restrict access to the shooting area upon request of organization

Display Operator -

- Conduct the display in compliance with NFPA 1123
- Provide all appropriate fire extinguishers for the site

- Verify that detonation devices for the fireworks are not subject to interference from cell phones, radios and other communication devices
- Assume sole responsibility for the disposal of such by-products from displays in compliance with federal, state and university requirements
- Perform a post-display inspection of exterior grounds or interior areas confirming that no unexploded devices or debris remain

Operations Department -

- Conduct a post-display inspection of the site to verify Display Operator compliance with clean-up provisions and to document any potential for claims

Indoor Pyrotechnics Displays:

Pyrotechnics displays are subject to all requirements for fireworks as listed above with the following exceptions:

- Compliance shall be with NFPA 1126
- Displays inside McDermott Hall in the Winspear Opera House must be operated by a member of IATSE Local 127

Approved Locations:

All proposed sites, both indoor and outdoor, will be approved on case by case basis and in consideration of all concurrent events scheduled at the Center and surrounding facilities.