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Fireworks – Bottle, Dessert, and Wedding Sparklers

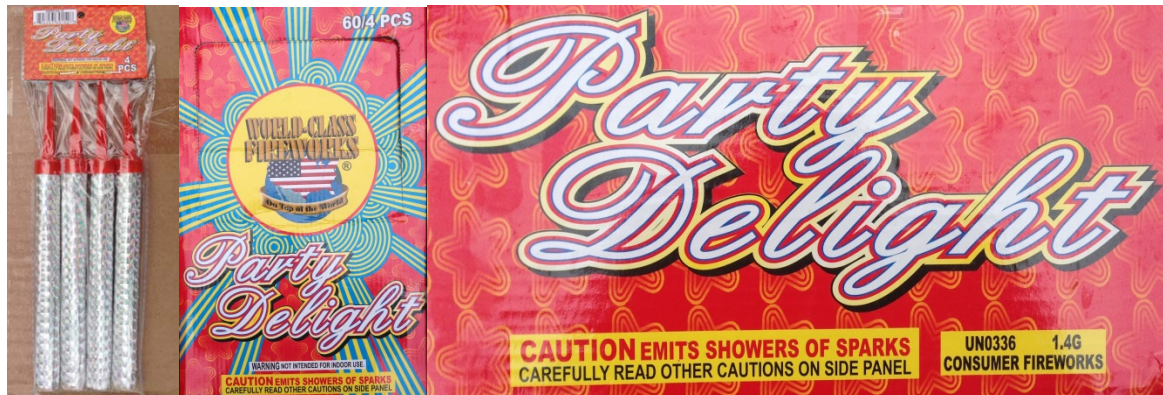
Purpose:

In preparation for the upcoming New Year’s Eve holiday, we would like to make our local public safety officials aware of a new trend we have discovered in New Hampshire involving firework devices.

Background:

Recently, a local New Hampshire fire department found two separate “night club” type venues utilizing a device known as a “Bottle Sparkler”, or a “Dessert Sparkler” in their buildings during operational hours.

The devices depicted in the images below are listed Consumer Fireworks, but are “not intended for indoor use”. These devices can be inserted into the top of a bottle, or into a food item.





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**Legal issues:**

Being a Consumer Firework, this device can be purchased at any of the licensed consumer firework retail sales facilities in the state, and can be used by a “consumer” in accordance with NH RSA 160-C, and the warnings listed by the manufacturer on the device.

However, anytime the device is used in the manner that was encountered (and not in accordance with device specifications) would require a permit and license for the use of pyrotechnics before a proximate audience issued by this office.

NH RSA 153:5-c, and NH RSA 21-P: 14 require anyone utilizing flame /fire, pyrotechnics, or other means of special effects for the purpose of entertainment, exhibition, demonstration, or simulation before a proximate audience to be licensed, and have obtained a permit for the event where the device will be used.

**Assistance:**

If you have any questions about this device, or fireworks requirements, please contact our Fireworks Safety & Enforcement Unit at (603) 223-4309, or by email at [fmo.fireworks@dos.nh.gov](mailto:fmo.fireworks@dos.nh.gov)