

Arts Commons Pyrotechnics Information

The following requirements must be met when using pyrotechnics; this includes any open flame, in any performance at Arts Commons. These requirements were set out by The City of Calgary Fire Department.

1. All events involving pyrotechnics and any open flame will require a permit from The City of Calgary Fire Prevention Bureau. There is a fee for this permit.
2. Permit requests must be submitted to the Fire Department at least five (5) days prior to the event.
3. A licensed pyrotechnician is required to be present during all rehearsals and performances where pyrotechnics are in use.
4. Pyrotechnic devices shall be inspected and tested in the presence of the attending Inspector.
5. A representative of Arts Commons must be present at all inspections. This can be the Director of Operations, the TD for the JSCH or a Security Supervisor.
6. Locations of the pyrotechnic devices shall be viewed by the Inspector.
7. Pyrotechnic devices shall be of an approved type.
8. An adequate supply of fire extinguishers and personnel trained in the use of same shall be provided at each performance.
9. The pyrotechnician executing the effect must file written notice with Arts Commons. As well the pyrotechnician executing the effect must file proof of insurance. A minimum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) public liability and public damage is required.
10. Under normal circumstances, open flame is not allowed in areas of public assembly. However, the Fire Department may make exceptions. The process for applying to the Fire Department for permission is the same as for pyrotechnics. The conditions under which they will allow open flame are very restrictive. Under no circumstances will they allow open flame in or around the audience or other large groups of people such as a choir. Under no circumstances will the Fire Department approve the juggling of flaming items, fire breathers or other similar specialty acts.
11. Contracts with third parties should include reference to the pyrotechnic regulations in effect at Arts Commons.