

brought into any finishing and assembling, pressing, mixing, or storage building.

(d) No employee or other person shall enter or attempt to enter any fireworks plant with liquor or narcotics in his possession, or while under the influence of liquor or narcotics, or partake of intoxicants or narcotics while in a fireworks plant.

(e) All persons working at or supervising the operations in a fireworks mixing and pressing buildings shall be provided with and wear cotton working uniforms and conductive shoes. Facilities for changing into these uniforms and safekeeping for the employees street clothes shall be provided. The uniforms shall be frequently washed, to prevent accumulation of explosive compounds, and shall not be worn outside the fireworks plant. Washing and shower facilities for employees shall be provided, as designated by the State Department of Health. All persons working in or supervising the operations in a production building shall wear eye protection as designated by the State Department of Health. All persons working in or supervising mixing areas shall wear respirators of a type designated by the State Department of Health.

(f) Each fireworks plant shall have an employee designated as safety officer. All employees of a fireworks plant upon commencing employment and at least annually thereafter shall be given formal instruction by this safety officer in the provisions of this subtitle, regulations issued by the State Fire Prevention Commission, proper methods and procedures in fireworks plants, safety requirements and procedures for handling explosives and fireworks, and other subjects the State Fire Prevention Commission requires. After each time of instruction each employee shall sign a statement to the effect that he has been instructed in these subjects and understands the requirements for safe practices. The statements shall be filed in the personnel records and be subject to inspection by the State Fire Marshal.

(g) In areas where there is a danger of ignition of materials caused by sparks, properly maintained and nonferrous safety hand tools shall be used.

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Nothing in this subtitle applies to the sale to, possession of, or use of fireworks by the federal or State governments or to political subdivisions of the State governments; or to the sale to, possession of, or use of combustibles or explosive preparations required by industrial or commercial concerns for use as signals or otherwise in the normal course of their business; or to the possession or use of fusees, railroad torpedoes, rockets, Very signal cartridges, or other signal devices as essential to promote safety in the operation of any motor vehicle, boat, railroad, or aircraft, if in fact kept and used for this purpose; or to the use of flares, signal pistols and other equipment when they are to be used as signals in athletic contests or for similar purposes; or to the sale to, possession of, or use by farmers of explosive devices or preparations known as firecrackers, salutes or cherry bombs, for use with a slow-burning fuse rope, in the control of destructive birds and animals, under and subject to the terms and conditions of a permit issued by the State Fire Marshal; and the State Fire Marshal may grant nontransferable special permits for