

# Carriage of fireworks on buses

## Policy

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Acronyms	Full form
DIPL	Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

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## 1. Policy Statement

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (the Department) is committed to providing and maintaining a safe and secure public transport network across the Northern Territory (NT). This Policy outlines the rules you must follow if you want to carry fireworks on a bus.

## 2. Background

On the first of July each year Territorians celebrate Territory Day, marking the commencement of Self Government in the Territory on 1 July 1978. The day is celebrated in a number of ways including the famous Territory Day fireworks.

Fireworks can be dangerous if handled inappropriately. [NT WorkSafe](#) is the regulatory arm of government that administer the sale and use of fireworks. The storage, handling and use of fireworks is regulated under the [Dangerous Goods Act 1998](#) and [Dangerous Goods Regulations 1985](#). Fireworks are classified as either shopgoods fireworks or display fireworks.

## 3. Carriage on buses

Shopgoods fireworks can be carried on public buses provided it is done so in a responsible manner. It is generally accepted that a person who is eligible to purchase fireworks (18 years of age and over) can carry the fireworks on buses from the place of purchase to their home or to a suitable venue to ignite the fireworks within the prescribed time, however the carriage of commercial quantities of fireworks or display fireworks on buses is not permitted.

Shopgoods fireworks are generally sold in sealed packaging and should only be carried on buses in the original shop goods packaging. Should it be necessary to divide the fireworks into smaller quantities than originally sold, the fireworks should be repackaged and sealed in a similar manner as when originally purchased before carrying on to a bus. Individual fireworks should not be carried on buses as the risk of ignition is increased.

## 4. Restrictions

The carriage of fireworks on buses is restricted to the approved period of possession as gazetted by the Minister responsible for the *Dangerous Goods Act and Regulations*. The [Dangerous Goods Act 1998](#) prescribes penalties if a person is caught buying, selling or using fireworks outside of these hours.

Any person who attempts to or misuses fireworks in or around a bus, bus interchange or bus stop commits an offence and will be reported to the NT Police. NT Police have the authority to issue an infringement notice of [10 penalty units](#).

Refer to the NT Worksafe website for details on fireworks regulations and restrictions.

## 5. Further Information

For further information regarding this Policy please contact the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, Public Transport Unit on telephone 8924 7666 or visit [www.nt.gov.au/publictransport](http://www.nt.gov.au/publictransport)