

# Buy Firecrackers

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Generally everyone remembers the firecrackers of old. Unfortunately they are no longer a legal product in the UK. Firecrackers are those deceptively small but not so quiet fireworks that are no bigger than your little finger but pack a loud bang. Technically, firecrackers are small explosives designed with one main goal in mind – making large amounts of noise.

Firecrackers were invented in China many years ago. The early versions were simply pieces of bamboo that would pop and crackle when thrown in a fire and were used to scare away evil spirits. Today firecrackers are used primarily for entertainment purposes and general amusement. Whether you plan to light these little dynamite sticks in your back garden or listen for them at a large fireworks show, you'll need to know where to buy firecrackers.

As mentioned previously firecrackers have been illegal in the UK since 1997 so any shops or websites selling this product are doing so illegally. You can however buy firecrackers from outside of the UK with China being a popular country for them. A few states in the US have made every type of consumer fireworks illegal so this no doubt poses a problem when you want to buy firecrackers from the USA. Today, about twenty states only allow lower-level fireworks or those less explosive items that are viewed as firework novelties. 21 states including Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington, Wyoming and Pennsylvania permit consumers to buy firecrackers. If you are looking to buy firecrackers, check out the rules and regulations of purchasing and importing these types of products to your location.

Usually temporary firework stands or big firework warehouses sell pyrotechnic items to the general public, these forms of retail stores can usually be found around certain times of the year often just a few days or a week before the 4th of July (in the USA), Guy Fawkes night (UK) and New Year's Eve.

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## About Firecrackers

Firecrackers may be small in size, but they pack a loud bang. Technically, a firecracker is a small explosive designed to let off a bang when ignited.

Known in some parts of the world as crackers, noise makers or bangers, firecrackers are made by wrapping an explosive chemical compound in a heavy paper casing and inserting a fuse. Originally firecrackers got their 'bang' from gunpowder (also known as black powder). This compound of gunpowder was constructed from sulphur, charcoal and potassium nitrate to give the explosives a basic flash and blast. However, a new chemical formula has been developed and firecracker manufacturers finally gave way to the more modern flash powder which uses potassium perchlorate, aluminium powder and sometimes sulphur to create a louder pop and brighter light. Some brands advertise that their firecracker products provide an extra kick with titanium for an even whiter flash and bigger bang.

You can buy firecrackers in a range of different formats to suit your needs. Often the fuses are braided together and the resulting strings are sold in packs ranging from small sizes of 4 to 6 firecrackers (referred to as penny packs) to larger packs containing up to a 120 or more firecrackers. For the real firecracker enthusiasts you can buy belts of firecrackers starting from 1000 up to 4000 which would definitely last you a while, but remember.....not in the UK!

Firecrackers, despite their aggressiveness, are considered 'entry level fireworks'. Today, the laws about selling, buying and using firecrackers and other fireworks varies widely depending on the country, state, county or other jurisdiction a person lives in. It is always common sense for your personal safety and the well-being of others to always buy firecrackers under the guidelines of the law. There must always be an adult supervising whenever fireworks are being ignited.