

**MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY  
Section 811**

**SUBJECT: FIREWORKS**

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**PURPOSE: To prohibit the possession and use of fireworks on property owned or controlled by MCCS**

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**A. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to promote the safety of MCCS students, employees and guests by prohibiting the possession and use of fireworks on property owned or controlled by MCCS.

**B. Definitions**

For purposes of this policy, the following terms have the following meanings:

1. “Fireworks” means any composition or device designed to produce a visible or an audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation, and which meets the definition of “consumer fireworks” or “display fireworks” below. Fireworks include missile-type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners, sky rockets and bottle rockets (i.e., any cylindrical tube containing chemical composition and a wooden stick attached for guidance and stability, that rises into the air upon ignition and that may produce a burst of color or sound at or near the height of flight).
2. “Consumer fireworks” means any small firework device designed to produce visible effects by combustion. This includes small devices designed to produce audible effects, such as whistling devices, ground devices containing explosive materials, and aerial devices containing explosive materials.
3. “Display fireworks” means large fireworks designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation.

**C. Prohibition**

The possession and use of consumer fireworks, display fireworks and other fireworks are prohibited on property owned or controlled by MCCS. This prohibition applies even if the municipality in which the property owned or controlled by MCCS is located permits MCCS to allow consumer or any other fireworks.

**D. Exception**

The only exception to this policy is that, with the written approval of a college president, a college may host or permit an event that allows a licensed vendor to use lawful consumer or display fireworks, provided that the pertinent municipality permits the college to allow such fireworks, and provided further that the vendor takes the standard and requisite safety precautions.

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REFERENCES: 20-A M.R.S.A. §12706 (1); 27 C.F.R. §55.11; 8 M.R.S.A. §221-A et seq.;  
Rules of the Office of State Fire Marshall

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