

# INCIDENT INVESTIGATION ASSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

## Fireworks Devices

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**DATE OF INCIDENT:**

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**FOLLOW-UP REQUESTED**

**HAZARD ANALYSIS**  **COMPLIANCE**

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Shawn Keller, CRE, 301-504-7122, [SDKeller@cpsc.gov](mailto:SDKeller@cpsc.gov)

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### ASSIGNMENT MESSAGE:

Conduct an IDI on any incidents involving any fireworks device(s) resulting in deaths or serious injuries. Serious injuries are defined as injuries requiring admission to the hospital for medical treatment. Also conduct an IDI on any of the following types of incidents, even if no injuries are involved:

- that involve large, illegal firecracker type devices such as M-80's, M-100's, M-1000's, "quarter" of "half" sticks, silver salutes, tennis or ping pong ball "bombs", etc.
- that involve chemicals or components for constructing the illegal fireworks devices listed above or actual completed devices made from components (including chemicals, casings, end plugs, and fuses), including fireworks made from components obtained via the Internet or mail order
- that involve professional (1.3G, UN0335, formerly Class B) fireworks that were sold to or used by a consumer
- that involve devices known as "pest control" devices that are used by consumers for purposes other than pest control.

If the incident involved serious injury or death, then obtain information describing the accident scenario and the person(s) involved. For all incidents obtain product description and as much product information as possible (i.e., product name and model number, name and address of manufacturer, importer and retailer). Determine who purchased the device and who gave it to victim to use (if victim did not purchase it). Determine the victim's experience using fireworks and whether there was adult supervision at the time of the incident.

Check with the headquarters contact before assigning incidents involving injuries from consumer fireworks.

If the product involved was an illegal explosive device (M-80, Cherry Bomb, etc.), or involved chemicals or components, or pest control devices, determine how victim obtained the device and the identification of the supplier.

If the product involved was identified as a 1.3G/UN0335 (professional) fireworks device, determine if the incident occurred during a professional public display and whether the victim was a bystander or an operator. Do not assign cases involving operators (even when volunteers), without checking with the headquarters contact.

In cases of an incident involving the consumer sale or seizure of display fireworks or illegal flash powder devices, notify the headquarters contact IMMEDIATELY. These investigations frequently result in criminal charges and special steps and procedures must be followed. Do not wait for the completion and forwarding of an IDI report to discuss the case with the headquarters contact.

Obtain photographs of the incident scene and product(s) involved, if available. Obtain copies of any official investigation reports and other documents, if available.

**Please include all primary and all backup contacts in the distribution of the completed IDI.**

----- Area below will be completed in Data Systems -----

**Person(s) to Contact:**

**Guidelines:**      **Appendix 109**

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**Assigned to:**    **Processed by: lew**