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If you want to use effects with pyrotechnic objects and pyrotechnic sets in theatres or similar facilities, you need a permit. You also require a licence for the use of explosive substances in film and television production facilities.

Please note that you also require a licence from the authority responsible for fire protection and a permit from the operator/owner.

Procedure

1. Apply for a permit for the use of pyrotechnic objects and sets in theatres and similar facilities as well as effects with explosive substances in film and television production facilities. You can do this in writing by post (in duplicate), fax or e-mail to sprengstoff@lagetsi.berlin.de.
2. Your application will be checked.
3. You will receive a decision with specific details on the content and scope of the authorisation. If the authorisation is not granted, you will receive a rejection notice.

Prerequisites

- **For commercial use: Licence according to § 7 SprengG**
(<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/350733/en/>)
- **For non-commercial use: Authorisation in accordance with § 27 SprengG**
(<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/350300/en/>)
- **Authorisation certificate according to § 20 SprengG**
- **Liability insurance**
The holder of a licence in accordance with § 7 or § 27 SprengG must have sufficient liability insurance. Certain minimum sums must be covered, which are specified in point 10.7 SprengVwV with corresponding conversion.

Documents required

- **Application for authorisation to use pyrotechnic articles and sets in theatres and comparable facilities as well as effects with explosive substances in film and television production facilities**
Submit the application in writing by post (in duplicate), fax or e-mail to sprengstoff@lagetsi.berlin.de.
- **Valid authorisation**
Licence according to § 7 SprengG or § 27 SprengG
- **Authorisation certificate according to § 20 SprengG (copy)**
- **Sketch/drawing of where the effects are to be burnt, including safety distance**
- **Effect list (under Forms)**
List of the effects to be used including CE mark number, category, article

name, number, burning time, spark yes/no, effect height in metres, effect distance in metres, safety distance in metres.

- **Liability insurance of the licence holder**
- **Hazards/ risk assessment**
Planned safety measures and risk assessment.

Forms

- **Application for authorisation for the use of pyrotechnic articles and sets in theatres and comparable facilities as well as effects with explosive substances in film and television production facilities in accordance with Section 23 (6) 1. SprengV (with list of effects)**
(https://www.berlin.de/lagetsi/_assets/documents/allgemein/antrag-genehmigung-buehnenpyrotechnik.pdf?ts=1765796764)

Fees

- EUR 80,00: Authorisation
- EUR 150,00: Authorisation including acceptance of pyrotechnics on site

Legal basis

- **Explosives Act (SprengG) § 7**
(<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/350733/en/>)
- **Explosives Act (SprengG) § 20**
(<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/350099/en/>)
- **First Explosives Ordinance (1. SprengV) § 23 para. 6**
(https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/sprengv_1/_23.html)
- **Explosives Act (SprengG) § 27**
(<https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/350300/en/>)
- **General Administrative Regulation on the Explosives Act (SprengVwV)**
(https://gewerbeaufsicht.baden-wuerttemberg.de/documents/20121/48861/4_1.pdf)

Average time to process request

1 - 2 weeks

More information

- **Event safety (Berlin fire brigade)**
(<https://www.berliner-feuerwehr.de/ihre-sicherheit/veranstaltungssicherheit/>)
- **Building and housing inspectorates (ServicePortal Berlin)**
(<https://service.berlin.de/bau-wohnungsaufsichtamt/>)