



Canadian National Fireworks Association

*Promoting fair access and safety in
the sale and use of fireworks*

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Explosives Regulations (ER) 2013: Came into force on 1 February 2014

ER, 2013, contains some requirements related to security but most apply to high explosives of Type, E, I and D (the first in this series introduced the new Type classification for explosives). The complete list of Types is contained in section 36.(2).

You may have heard that security background checks and GPS tracking of vehicles are coming – but not for fireworks.

However, the bad guys have started using fireworks in IEDs (improvised explosive devices). Two incidents that you have probably heard of are the Boston Marathon bombing and Times Square attempted bombing.

Some possible indicators of suspicious activity related to purchase of consumer fireworks are found in <https://www.atf.gov/sites/default/files/assets/pdf-files/netf-industry-advisory-fireworks.pdf>

A person exhibiting any of the indicators isn't necessarily planning something illegal – but if your gut tells you that something isn't right then perhaps you should report it to your local police.