



Leading Operator's Pre-display Checklist

1. Check that there is at least one water fire extinguisher or a bucket of water/sand on site for emergencies;
2. Check that all the fireworks are on even ground and securely fixed to stakes;
3. Check that all fireworks fixed to stakes are attached to the correct side - the stake between the audience and the firework;
4. Check that all the lighters are free and reachable;
5. Check that all turning devices can move freely;
6. Ensure all firers have their portfires where they can reach them easily. Check that the portfires are in a covered container with the touch paper ends protected from any stray sparks. **DO NOT** place the portfires in your overall pockets, it is extremely dangerous;
7. Check that any Polythene bags are removed from Rockets, Devices and Set Pieces;
8. Check that you are happy with the position of the audience in relation to the wind, it **must not** be in the direction of the audience;
9. Make sure that all stewards are in place including those in the fallout area;
10. Check there is no possibility of the spectators encroaching into the safety exclusion zone;
11. Ensure that you have agreed a starting signal or cue with the organisers and crew;
12. The senior (lead) operator should make sure all firers are thoroughly briefed on the sequence of firing and areas of responsibility. Preferably all firers should be given a 'cue sheet' with their own firings clearly indicated;
13. Brief the crew on the commands to fire or stop firing the show;
14. Make sure that all firers and controllers are wearing the correct P.P.E.
15. Ensure surplus material and rubbish has been cleared from the firing area.