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Cold Spark Device Fire Safety Permit Requirements

Berlin Borough Fire Prevention Bureau

All cold spark devices used within Berlin Borough must comply with New Jersey fire-safety regulations. A **Type I Fire Safety Permit** is required for any event utilizing these devices.

Required Materials

- **Permit Application** — fully completed and legible
- **Permit Fee** — If the event is during regular business hours, then the permit fee is **\$54**, if the event is after hours, then it's **\$154**. Payments may be made by cash, check or money order payable to Berlin Borough.
- **Liability Insurance** — proof of current coverage
- **Device Information** — make and model of the cold spark device
- **Fire Extinguisher** — must have a **Class D** fire extinguisher present with current tag.
- **Operator Contact** — name and phone number of the device operator
- **Setup Time** — required for scheduling the mandatory inspection
- **Inspection** — an inspection will be done by a member of the Fire Marshals office prior to the event.

Deadline Policy

All documents and payments must be received **10 business days before the event. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS.** Failure to meet any requirement will result in **permit denial.**

Contact Information

For questions or assistance, contact the Berlin Fire Prevention Bureau at **856-767-7777 ext. 308.**

Requirements are based on: NJ-DFS and Berlin Borough ordinance 2026-09

In New Jersey, the use of cold spark machines is strictly regulated.

1. Classification:

- Cold spark machines are classified as **pyrotechnic devices** by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

2. Permits and Licensing:

- The use of cold spark machines requires a Type 1 Fire Safety Permit from the local fire official. The current permit fee is \$54.00. If the inspection is after normal business hours, there is an additional \$ 100.00 inspection fee.
- Contacting the local municipality or the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety is crucial for specific requirements and obtaining permits.
- Failure to obtain a permit can result in penalties, including fines.

3. Safety Regulations:

- 10-foot clearance: A 10-foot clearance must be maintained between the cold spark machine and any combustible material.
- Sprinklered building: Some regulations specify that the building must be sprinklered.
- Certified operator: A manufacturer-certified operator must be present if specific machines like "Sparkular" or "Pro X Blitzz" are used.
- Fire extinguisher: A class D fire extinguisher with a current inspection tag must be present and readily available.
- Manual trip test: The machine must pass a manual trip test to ensure it shuts down if tipped over.
- Insurance: A valid certificate of insurance is required.
- Written permission from the property owner where the device will be used must accompany the permit application

4. Applications and Notifications:

- Permit applications and supporting documents must be submitted at least 10 days in advance or the permit will be denied.
- You are required to provide the name and phone number of the device operator and a set up time for the inspection by our office.

Important Note: The operator will be required to demonstrate the use of the device as part of the permit process.