



**"Reducing Risk to Our Business Community"**

# Operational Permit Application

**Submit Applications: Monday thru Friday 9:00 am— 4:00 pm**

Bellingham Fire Department - Life Safety Division

1800 Broadway

Bellingham, WA 98225

Phone: (360) 778-8420

Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Office Use Only)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Premise #  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Certificate of Occupancy #

(Check one box)

- New Permit Application       Adding New Activity FOP# \_\_\_\_\_

**Refer to attached pages for available Operational Activities**

**Enter Operational Activity Information Here:**

Activity Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Duration:     Annual       Other (Specify) From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

**By your signature above, you hereby certify that the information submitted is true and correct and that you are authorized by the business or property owner to act on their behalf.**

See reverse for all applicable fees

## ***Fire Department Operational Permit Fees***

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### **Annual & Temporary Permit Issuance**

*The fee to issue a Fire Operational Permit which is not established by a Development Services Permit includes the issuance fee plus the total number of operation occurrences times the operation fee.*

Issuance Fee	\$120
Operation Fee	\$30

### **Temporary Permit Issuance for Retail Sales of Fireworks**

*This fee is applied to a temporary Fire Operational Permit for the retail sales of fireworks; June 28th through July 4th or December 27th through December 31st. The maximum single-season fee is established by Chapter 70.77.555 RCW.*

	\$100
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### **Re-inspection**

*This fee is applied to a Fire Operational Permit when identified corrections have not been made by established date and the Inspector must make a follow-up visit to confirm correction has been made.*

	\$120
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### **After-hours Inspection**

*This fee is applied to a Fire Operational Permit when necessary inspections must be completed outside the normal work day.*

	\$180/hour, two hour minimum
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### **Miscellaneous Service**

*This fee is applied to a Fire Operational Permit for services provided where there is no fee specifically indicated.*

	\$120/hour, one hour minimum
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### **Additional Plan Review**

*This fee is applied to a Fire Operational Permit for plan review required by changes, additions, amendments, or revisions to applications or permits.*

	\$120/hour, one hour minimum
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## OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

**Aerosol products, ID 1.1:** An operational permit is required to manufacture, store or handle an aggregate quantity of Level 2 or Level 3 aerosol products in excess of 500 pounds (227 kg) net weight.

**Amusement buildings, ID 2.1:** An operational permit is required to operate a special amusement building.

**Aviation facilities, ID 3.1:** An operational permit is required to use a Group H or Group S occupancy for aircraft servicing or repair and aircraft fuel-servicing vehicles. Additional permits required by other sections of this code include, but are not limited to, hot work, hazardous materials and flammable or combustible finishes.

**Carnivals and fairs, ID 4.1:** An operational permit is required to conduct a carnival or fair.

**Cellulose nitrate film, ID 5.1:** An operational permit is required to store, handle or use cellulose nitrate film in a Group A occupancy.

**Combustible dust-producing operations, ID 6.1:** An operational permit is required to operate a grain elevator, flour starch mill, feed mill, or a plant pulverizing aluminum, coal, cocoa, magnesium, spices or sugar, or other operations producing combustible dusts as defined in Chapter 2.

**Combustible fibers, ID 7.1:** An operational permit is required for the storage and handling of combustible fibers in quantities greater than 100 cubic feet (2.8 m<sup>3</sup>).

**Exception:** A permit is not required for agricultural storage.

**Compressed gases, See ID below:** An operational permit is required for the storage, use or handling at normal temperature and pressure (NTP) of compressed gases in excess of the amounts listed in Table 105.6.8.

**Exception:** Vehicles equipped for and using compressed gas as a fuel for propelling the vehicle.

**TABLE 105.6.8  
PERMIT AMOUNTS FOR COMPRESSED GASES**

ID #	TYPE OF GAS	AMOUNT (cubic feet at NTP)
8.1	Corrosive	200
8.2	Flammable (except cryogenic fluids and liquefied petroleum gases)	200
8.3	Highly Toxic	Any Amount
8.4	Inert and Simple Asphyxiant	6,000
8.5	Oxidizing (including oxygen)	504
8.6	Pyrophoric	Any Amount
8.7	Toxic	Any Amount

For SI: 1 cubic foot = 0.02832 m<sup>3</sup>.

**Covered mall buildings, See ID below:** An operational permit is required for:

**ID 9.1:** The placement of retail fixtures and displays, concession equipment, displays of highly combustible goods and similar items in the mall.

**ID 9.2:** The display of liquid- or gas-fired equipment in the mall.

**ID 9.3:** The use of open-flame or flame-producing equipment in the mall.

**Cryogenic fluids, See ID below:** An operational permit is required to produce, store, transport on site, use, handle or dispense cryogenic fluids in excess of the amounts listed in Table 105.6.10.

**Exception:** Permits are not required for vehicles equipped for and using cryogenic fluids as a fuel for propelling the vehicle or for refrigerating the lading.

**TABLE 105.6.10  
PERMIT AMOUNTS FOR CRYOGENIC FLUIDS**

ID#	TYPE OF CRYOGENIC FLUID	INSIDE BUILDING (gallons)	OUTSIDE BUILDING (gallons)
10.1	Flammable	More than 1	60
10.2	Inert	60	500
10.3	Oxidizing (includes oxygen)	10	50
10.4	Physical or health hazard not indicated above	Any Amount	Any Amount

For SI: 1 gallon = 3.785 L.

**Cutting and welding, ID 11.1:** An operational permit is required to conduct cutting or welding operations within the jurisdiction.

**Dry cleaning plants, ID 12.1:** An operational permit is required to engage in the business of dry cleaning or to change to a more hazardous cleaning solvent used in existing dry cleaning equipment.

**Exhibits and trade shows, ID 13.1:** An operational permit is required to operate exhibits and trade shows.

**Explosives, See ID below:** An operational permit is required for the manufacture, storage, handling, sale or use of any quantity of explosives, explosive materials, fireworks or pyrotechnic special effects within the scope of Chapter 33.

**Exception:** Storage in Group R-3 occupancies of smokeless propellant, black powder and small arms primers for personal use, not for resale and in accordance with Section 3306.

**ID 14.1:** All activities with the exception of retail sales of consumer fireworks.

**ID 14.2:** Retail sales of consumer fireworks for both selling periods.

**(Operation 14.2 requires a Category II inspection)**

**Flammable and combustible liquids, See ID below:** An operational permit is required:

**ID 15.1:** To use or operate a pipeline for the transportation within facilities of flammable or combustible liquids. This requirement shall not apply to the off-site transportation in pipelines regulated by the Department of Transportation (DOTn) nor does it apply to piping systems.

**ID 15.2:** To store, handle or use Class I liquids in excess of 5 gallons (19 L) in a building or in excess of 10 gallons (37.9 L) outside of a building, except that a permit is not required for the following:

1. The storage or use of Class I liquids in the fuel tank of a motor vehicle, aircraft, motorboat, mobile power plant or mobile heating plant, unless such storage, in the opinion of the code official, would cause an unsafe condition.

2. The storage or use of paints, oils, varnishes or similar flammable mixtures when such liquids are stored for maintenance, painting or similar purposes for a period of not more than 30 days.

**ID 15.3:** To store, handle or use Class II or Class IIIA liquids in excess of 25 gallons (95 L) in a building or in excess of 60 gallons (227 L) outside a building, except for fuel oil used in connection with oil-burning equipment.

**ID 15.4:** To remove Class I or Class II liquids from an underground storage tank used for fueling motor vehicles by any means other than the approved, stationary on-site pumps normally used for dispensing purposes.

**ID 15.5:** To operate tank vehicles, equipment, tanks, plants, terminals, wells, fuel-dispensing stations, refineries, distilleries and similar facilities where flammable and combustible liquids are produced, processed, transported, stored, dispensed or used.

**ID 15.6:** To place temporarily out of service (for more than 90 days) an underground, protected above-ground or above-ground flammable or combustible liquid tank.

**ID 15.7:** To change the type of contents stored in a flammable or combustible liquid tank to a material which poses a greater hazard than that for which the tank was designed and constructed.

**ID 15.8:** To manufacture, process, blend or refine flammable or combustible liquids.

**ID 15.9:** To engage in the dispensing of liquid fuels into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles at commercial, industrial, governmental or manufacturing establishments.

**ID 15.10:** To utilize a site for the dispensing of liquid fuels from tank vehicles into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles at commercial, industrial, governmental or manufacturing establishments.

**ID 15.11:** To utilize a site for the dispensing of liquid fuels from tank vehicles into fuel tanks or marine craft and special equipment at commercial, industrial, governmental or manufacturing establishments.

**Floor finishing, ID 16.1:** An operational permit is required for floor finishing or surfacing operations exceeding 350 square feet (33 m<sup>2</sup>) using Class I or Class II liquids.

**Fruit and crop ripening, ID 17.1:** An operational permit is required to operate a fruit-, or crop-ripening facility or conduct a fruit-ripening process using ethylene gas.

**Fumigation and thermal insecticidal fogging, ID 18.1:** An operational permit is required to operate a business of fumigation or thermal insecticidal fogging and to maintain a room, vault or chamber in which a toxic or flammable fumigant is used.

**Hazardous materials, See ID below:** An operational permit is required to store, transport on site, dispense, use or handle hazardous materials in excess of the amounts listed in Table 105.6.20.

**TABLE 105.6.20  
PERMIT AMOUNTS FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

<b>ID#</b>	<b>TYPE OF MATERIAL</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
	Combustible Liquids	See Flammable & Combustible Liquids Section
	Corrosive Gases	See Compressed Gases Section
<b>19.1</b>	Corrosive Liquids	55 gallons
<b>19.2</b>	Corrosive Solids	1000 pounds
	Explosive Materials	See Explosives Section
	Flammable Gases	See Compressed Gases Section
	Flammable Liquids	See Flammable & Combustible Liquids Section
<b>19.3</b>	Flammable Solids	100 pounds
	Highly Toxic Gases	See Compressed Gases Section
<b>19.4</b>	Highly Toxic Liquids	Any Amount
<b>19.5</b>	Highly Toxic Solids	Any Amount
	Oxidizing Gases	See Compressed Gases Section
<b>19.6</b>	Oxidizing Liquids, Class 4	Any Amount
<b>19.7</b>	Oxidizing Liquids, Class 3	1 gallon <sup>a</sup>
<b>19.8</b>	Oxidizing Liquids, Class 2	10 gallons
<b>19.9</b>	Oxidizing Liquids, Class 1	55 gallons
<b>19.10</b>	Oxidizing Solids, Class 4	Any Amount
<b>19.11</b>	Oxidizing Solids, Class 3	10 pounds <sup>b</sup>
<b>19.12</b>	Oxidizing Solids, Class 2	100 pounds
<b>19.13</b>	Oxidizing Solids, Class 1	500 pounds
<b>19.14</b>	Organic Liquid Peroxides, Class I	Any Amount
<b>19.15</b>	Organic Liquid Peroxides, Class II	Any Amount
<b>19.16</b>	Organic Liquid Peroxides, Class III	1 gallon
<b>19.17</b>	Organic Liquid Peroxides, Class IV	2 gallons
	Organic Liquid Peroxides, Class V	No Permit Required
<b>19.18</b>	Organic Solid Peroxides, Class I	Any Amount
<b>19.19</b>	Organic Solid Peroxides, Class II	Any Amount
<b>19.20</b>	Organic Solid Peroxides, Class III	10 pounds
<b>19.21</b>	Organic Solid Peroxides, Class IV	20 pounds
	Organic Solid Peroxides, Class V	No Permit Required
<b>19.22</b>	Pyrophoric Gases	Any Amount
<b>19.23</b>	Pyrophoric Liquids	Any Amount
<b>19.24</b>	Pyrophoric Solids	Any Amount
	Toxic Gases	See Compressed Gases Section
<b>19.25</b>	Toxic Liquids	10 gallons
<b>19.26</b>	Toxic Solids	100 pounds
<b>19.27</b>	Unstable (reactive) Liquids, Class 4	Any Amount
<b>19.28</b>	Unstable (reactive) Liquids, Class 3	Any Amount
<b>19.29</b>	Unstable (reactive) Liquids, Class 2	5 gallons
<b>19.30</b>	Unstable (reactive) Liquids, Class 1	10 gallons
<b>19.31</b>	Unstable (reactive) Solids, Class 4	Any Amount
<b>19.32</b>	Unstable (reactive) Solids, Class 3	Any Amount
<b>19.33</b>	Unstable (reactive) Solids, Class 2	50 pounds
<b>19.34</b>	Unstable (reactive) Solids, Class 1	100 pounds
<b>19.35</b>	Water-reactive Liquids, Class 3	Any Amount
<b>19.36</b>	Water-reactive Liquids, Class 2	5 gallons
<b>19.37</b>	Water-reactive Liquids, Class 1	55 gallons
<b>19.38</b>	Water-reactive Solids, Class 3	Any Amount
<b>19.39</b>	Water-reactive Solids, Class 3	50 pounds
<b>19.40</b>	Water-reactive Solids, Class 3	500 pounds

For SI: 1 gallon = 3.785 L, 1 pound = 0.454 kg.

a. 20 gallons when Table 2703.1.1(1) Note k applies and hazard identification signs in accordance with Section 2703.5 are provided for quantities of 20 gallons or less.

b. 200 pounds when Table 2703.1.1(1) Note k applies and hazard identification signs in accordance with Section 2703.5 are provided for quantities of 200 pounds or less.

**HPM facilities, ID 20.1:** An operational permit is required to store, handle or use hazardous production materials. **(Operation 20.1 requires a Category II inspection)**

**High-piled storage, ID 21.1:** An operational permit is required to use a building or portion thereof as a high-piled storage area exceeding 500 square feet (46 m<sup>2</sup>).

**Hot work operations, See ID below:** An operational permit is required for hot work including, but not limited to:

**ID 22.1:** Public exhibitions and demonstrations where hot work is conducted.

**ID 22.2:** Use of portable hot work equipment inside a structure.

**Exception:** Work that is conducted under a construction permit.

**ID 22.3:** Fixed-site hot work equipment such as welding booths.

**ID 22.4:** Hot work conducted within a hazardous fire area.

**ID 22.5:** Application of roof coverings with the use of an open-flame device.

**ID 22.6:** When approved, the fire code official shall issue a permit to carry out a Hot Work Program. This program allows approved personnel to regulate their facility's hot work operations. The approved personnel shall be trained in the fire safety aspects denoted in this chapter and shall be responsible for issuing permits requiring compliance with the requirements found in Chapter 26. These permits shall be issued only to their employees or hot work operations under their supervision.

**Industrial ovens, ID 23.1:** An operational permit is required for operation of industrial ovens and furnaces regulated by Chapter 21.

**Lumber yards and woodworking plants, ID 24.1:** An operational permit is required for the storage or processing of lumber exceeding 100,000 board feet (8,333 ft<sup>3</sup>) (236 m<sup>3</sup>). **(Operation 24.1 requires a Category II inspection)**

**Liquid- or gas-fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings, ID 25.1:** An operational permit is required to display, operate or demonstrate liquid- or gas-fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings.

**LP-gas, See ID below:** An operational permit is required for:

**ID 26.1:** Storage and use of LP-gas.

**Exception:** A permit is not required for individual containers with a 500-gallon (1893 L) water capacity or less serving occupancies in Group R-3.

**ID 26.2:** Operation of cargo tankers that transport LP-gas.

**Magnesium, ID 27.1:** An operational permit is required to melt, cast, heat treat or grind more than 10 pounds (4.54 kg) of magnesium.

**Miscellaneous combustible storage, ID 28.1:** An operational permit is required to store in any building or upon any premises in excess of 2,500 cubic feet (71m<sup>3</sup>) gross volume of combustible empty packing cases, boxes, barrels or similar containers, rubber tires, rubber, cork or similar combustible material.

**Open flames and torches, ID 29.1:** An operational permit is required to remove paint with a torch; or to use a torch or open-flame device in a hazardous fire area.

**Open flames and candles, ID 30.1:** An operational permit is required to use open flames or candles in connection with assembly areas, dining areas of restaurants or drinking establishments.

**Organic coatings, ID 31.1:** An operational permit is required for any organic-coating manufacturing operation producing more than 1 gallon (4 L) of an organic coating in one day.

**Places of assembly, ID 32.1:** An operational permit is required to operate each separate place of assembly.

**Private fire hydrants, ID 33.1:** An operational permit is required for the removal from service, use or operation of private fire hydrants.

**Exception:** A permit is not required for private industry with trained maintenance personnel, private fire brigade or fire departments to maintain, test and use private hydrants.

**Pyrotechnic special effects material, ID 34.1:** An operational permit is required for use and handling of pyrotechnic special effects material.

**Pyroxylin plastics, ID 35.1:** An operational permit is required for storage or handling of more than 25 pounds (11kg) of cellulose nitrate (Pyroxylin) plastics and for the assembly or manufacture of articles involving Pyroxylin plastics.

**Refrigeration equipment, ID 36.1:** An operational permit is required to operate a mechanical refrigeration unit or system regulated by Chapter 6.

**Repair garages and motor fuel-dispensing facilities, ID 37.1:** An operational permit is required for operation of repair garages and automotive, marine and fleet motor fuel-dispensing facilities.

**Rooftop heliports, ID 38.1:** An operational permit is required for the operation of a rooftop heliport.

**Spraying or dipping, ID 39.1:** An operational permit is required to conduct a spraying or dipping operation utilizing flammable or combustible liquids or the application of combustible powders regulated by Chapter 15.

**Storage of scrap tires and tire byproducts, ID 40.1:** An operational permit is required to establish, conduct or maintain storage of scrap tires and tire byproducts that exceeds 2,500 cubic feet (71m<sup>3</sup>) of total volume of scrap tires and for indoor storage of tires and tire byproducts.

**Temporary membrane structures, tents and canopies, ID 41.1:** An operational permit is required to operate an air-supported temporary membrane structure or a tent having an area in excess of 200 square feet (19 m<sup>2</sup>), or a canopy in excess of 400 square feet (37 m<sup>2</sup>).

**Exceptions:**

1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.
2. Fabric canopies open on all sides which comply with all of the following:
  - 2.1. Individual canopies having a maximum size of 700 square feet (65 m<sup>2</sup>).
  - 2.2. The aggregate area of multiple canopies placed side by side without a fire break clearance of not less than 12 feet (3658 mm) shall not exceed 700 square feet (65 m<sup>2</sup>) total.
  - 2.3. A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3658 mm) to structures and other tents shall be provided.

**Tire-rebuilding plants, ID 42.1:** An operational permit is required for the operation and maintenance of a tire-rebuilding plant. **(Operation 42.1 requires a Category II inspection)**

**Waste handling, ID 43.1:** An operational permit is required for the operation of wrecking yards, junk yards and waste material-handling facilities. **(Operation 43.1 requires a Category II inspection)**

**Wood products, ID 44.1:** An operational permit is required to store chips, hogged material, lumber or plywood in excess of 200 cubic feet (6 m<sup>3</sup>).