

Bonfire Night Safety Advice...

1. Keep yourself and others safe

Good reasons to go to an organised bonfire and firework display:

- Experienced professionals are involved in the organisation so safety is increased significantly
- The spectator area will be a safe distance away from the fireworks
- There will be a designated firing/ fallout area for fireworks and a separate bonfire area burning only appropriate materials
- Electric lighting of fireworks
- The emergency services will be on standby

If you're having fireworks at home:

- NEVER play with fireworks and stand well back when watching
- ADULTS ONLY to light or hold fireworks
- NEVER go back to a firework that has been lit
- Wear gloves to hold sparklers and hold them arm's length, away from face and hair
- Place a finished sparkler in a bucket of water
- NEVER give sparklers to young children
- Under-18s are not allowed to buy OR be in possession of fireworks
- Always keep pets indoors

2. Keep all pets and animals indoors

- Pets find fireworks very stressful and may run away
- Loud bangs and whistles cause genuine pain to their ears
- Try not to leave pets alone; they will usually find their own 'safe' place and should not be disturbed, e.g. under beds, behind the sofa
- Give small pets extra bedding for burrowing in to buffer the sounds
- Bring small hutches inside

3. Respect the community in which you live

- In the wrong hands fireworks can be damaging and dangerous
- It is an offence to throw or discharge a firework in a street or public place
- Setting off fireworks between 11pm and 7am is not acceptable (with the exception of 5 November and religious events)
- Do not cause distress by scaring people and pets (the young and older people are particularly vulnerable)
- Do not make people feel uncomfortable in public places
- Do not cause damage to property
- Do not use fireworks to intentionally injure and harm others

KEY MESSAGE: Stay safe this year. Go to an organised event.

STAY SAFE!

Halloween Safety Tips



- Make sure a responsible adult or guardian goes with you - it could be an older brother or sister if they're over 16
- Plan your route before you leave the house and make sure someone else knows where you are going
- Wear reflective or light-coloured clothing so you can be seen
- Carry a torch to check what's around you and avoid falling over
- Stay close to home and if possible only visit the houses of people you know
- NEVER enter a stranger's home
- Stay on pavements and check carefully before crossing a road - especially if there's a large group of you
- Throw away any treats or sweets that have been opened or unwrapped
- If you are wearing a mask, make sure that you can see clearly out of it
- Make sure your costume is warm - it is almost November!
- Take water with you, you may get thirsty!
- Don't argue with people or "trick" them if they don't have more sweets or don't want to celebrate Halloween. There will be many more who want to engage in the fun!