

Dear parent/ carer,

Your child has been learning about firework safety, please look at their colouring-in picture overleaf and discuss with them how to stay safe on fireworks night.

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service wants you and your family to stay safe this winter:

- ✓ Check your electric blanket for signs of wear and tear.
- ✓ Have your chimney swept.
- ✓ Have a fire guard.
- ✓ Take care with candles.
- ✓ Do not leave cooking unattended.
- ✓ Keep matches out of reach of children.
- ✓ Make sure your car is ready for winter.
- ✓ “Be Safe Be Seen” as a pedestrian or cyclist.
- ✓ Test your smoke alarm every week and make sure everyone knows the escape plan.

For more information visit www.dwfire.org.uk or Freephone 0800 038 2323

Have fun and stay safe by following the firework code

- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114.
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box.
- Follow the instructions on each firework.
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go near a firework that has been lit
- Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Always supervise children around fireworks.
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Keep pets indoors
- Don't let off noisy fireworks after 11pm.



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Follow Ben for a safe fireworks night

Fireworks will scare your pets, so keep them safely indoors.

Never give sparklers to a child under five.

If you are given a sparkler, always wear gloves. Always hold sparklers at arm's length and only hold one at a time.

When you are watching fireworks, always stand well back.

Only adults should handle and light fireworks.

When a sparkler goes out, DON'T TOUCH IT. It could still burn you, so put it in a bucket of water, hot end down.

Never go near a firework when it has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode.

You have to be 18 years old before you are allowed to buy fireworks in the shops.
Never play with fireworks.
They are dangerous and can hurt you.

Fireworks poster coloured in by:

Ben loves fireworks night. To make sure he stays safe every year, he follows the **Firework Code.**

www.direct.gov.uk/fireworks

**FIREWORKS
BE SAFE
NOT SORRY**
ALWAYS FOLLOW THE CODE

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