

Bonfire & Fireworks Safety



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How to have a super, safe, successful bonfire

We would always recommend attending an organised bonfire display, but if you do host your own:

- Build the bonfire away from the house, sheds, fences, trees and overhead cables
- Check the bonfire for wildlife before you light it
- Never use flammable liquids like paraffin or petrol to light the fire – it may get out of control quickly
- Don't burn aerosols, tyres, canisters or anything containing foam or paint – many produce toxic fumes and some containers may explode, causing injury
- Using liquid fuel creates a vapour cloud which can ignite at an explosive rate

Once the bonfire's lit, make sure you...

- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose nearby – in case of emergencies
- Don't leave the bonfire unattended
- Keep children and pets away from the bonfire

Once the bonfire has died down, spray the embers with water to stop it reigniting



Fireworks Code, Care, Celebrate!



We would always recommend attending an organised fireworks display, but if you do host your own:

- You must be 18 years or over to buy and set off fireworks
- Store fireworks in a closed box and take them out one at a time
- Follow the instructions on each firework, using a torch to read them, never a naked flame
- Keep a bucket of water nearby
- Make sure everyone stands well back and pets are kept indoors
- Light fireworks at arm's length, using the taper provided

Never go back to a lit firework – even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode!

- Don't drink alcohol if responsible for setting off fireworks
- Only buy fireworks which carry a CE mark
- We would always recommend attending an organised bonfire or fireworks display.



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