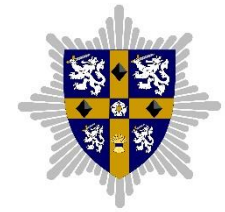


Bonfire
Night &
Firework
Safety
School
Presentation



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Why are we
here today ?



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To explain the importance of and
give guidance around;

- Fireworks code.
- Bonfire Safety.



Did you know?

- On average, 130 fires on homes and buildings in the UK are started by fireworks every year.
- The majority of firework- related injuries happen at family or private parties.
- It is against the law to carry fireworks in public if you are under 18.



Did you know?



- It is an offence to throw or set-off a firework in the street or public place. This could result in prosecution and a fine of up to £5000.
- Fireworks must not be sold to anyone under 18.
- It is an offence to let fireworks off during night hours (11pm to 7am) except on Bonfire Night (midnight).

Did you know?



- It is an offence to take items from a property/garden (such as furniture) that has been left for refuse collection.
- Wheelie Bins are not free. If you take one away and destroy it – you have committed a crime.

Fireworks that
comply to UK
standards will carry
the UKCA mark and
are correctly labelled

**UK
CA**

Fireworks Code

- Fireworks that are marked with **BS7114** which were previously legal to be sold to the public can **no longer to be sold**.
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks (Parents).
- Boxes of fireworks must not be split and supplied separately i.e. cannot be sold separately.
- Follow the instructions carefully on each firework.
- Light them at arms length, using a taper.



The
following
Fireworks
are now
banned...

- Aerial wheels (Catherine wheels)
- Bangers, flash bangers or double bangers
- Jumping cracker
- Jumping ground spinner
- Spinners
- Mini rockets



Fireworks Code

- Always stand well back, (at least 8M).
- Never go back to a lit firework, even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode.
- Never throw or put fireworks in your pocket.
- Always supervise smaller children around fireworks.

Bonfire Safety

If you are having a bonfire at home, what simple tips could we follow to make sure you and others are safe?



Building a Bonfire

- Only adults should build a bonfire.
- Only burn dry material. Damp materials causes more smoke.
- Build the bonfire away from sheds, fences and trees.
- Check there are no cables, like telephone wires, above the bonfire.
- Don't use petrol or paraffin to get the fire going, it may get out of control quickly.
- Tell your neighbours, so they can prepare.
- Check that animals aren't hiding inside the bonfire.



Bonfire Safety Tips

Once the bonfire is lit,
make sure you:

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



Bonfire Safety Tips

- Don't throw fireworks into the fire.
- Don't burn aerosols, tyres, canisters or anything containing foam or paint, as many produce toxic fumes and some containers may explode, causing injury.
- Spray the embers with water (once the bonfire has died down) to stop it re-igniting.



You are attending a privately organised display with your family. Looking at the picture above.

Q1: Is this a well organized display?

Q2: What could make it better?

Any Questions?



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