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How to keep you and others safe when watching firework displays

We are fast approaching bonfire night on November 5th and regardless of whether you are doing your own display, or going to watch one with your family, safety is paramount. Each year people are seriously injured when being unsafe with fireworks and bonfires. Below are some things to remember:

If you’re doing your own fireworks:

- Only buy your fireworks from a trusted store, ensure your fireworks carry the CE or UKCA marks and keep them in the box until use
- Make sure you can read and understand the instructions on each firework
- Plan your firework display in advance, ensuring it has plenty of space so that they can be watched from a safe distance
- Direct any fireworks away from spectators and any buildings
- Make sure you keep naked flames away from fireworks, this also including cigarettes
- Ensure you’re lighting any fireworks at arm’s length
- Do not return to a firework once it’s been lit
- Do not leave a bonfire unattended and ensure the fire is out before leaving
- Ensure children are supervised at all times

If you have a bonfire:

- Never use petrol or paraffin on a bonfire
- Ensure the bonfire site is far away enough from bushes, tress, fences etc. that could be flammable
- Keep a bucket of water nearby just in case of an accident
- At nights end, ensure the bonfire is put out
- Never leave a bonfire unattended
- If children are present, try to cordon off the bonfire

Using sparklers:

- It is not recommended that sparklers are given to children under 5 years old
- Wear gloves when handling sparklers
- Hold sparklers at arm length
- Only light one at a time
- Once the sparkler has finished, ensure it is cooled off by putting it in a bucket of water

Useful links:
- [https://www.littlepioneers.coop/resources/safe-bonfire-night/](https://www.littlepioneers.coop/resources/safe-bonfire-night/)
- [https://www.goodto.com/family/stay-safe-on-bonfire-night-84082](https://www.goodto.com/family/stay-safe-on-bonfire-night-84082)

More information

If you would like to view the Webinar on ‘**How to keep you and others safe when watching fireworks**’ is being delivered live on Thursday 4th November at 12:00pm-12:30pm, please use the following link to register for this session –

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