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# Bonfire Night



Fireworks can be dangerous. Have a good time  
and don't get hurt.

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# Did You Know?

- 1 It is against the law to carry fireworks in public if you're under 18
- 2 Fireworks must not be sold to anyone who is under 18
- 3 It is an offence to let fireworks off during night hours (11 pm to 7am), except on Bonfire Night (midnight), Diwali, New Year, and Chinese New Year (1am)
- 4 It is an offence under the Explosives Act 1875 to tamper with or modify fireworks.

Having fireworks at home can be great fun, as long as they are used safely. Figures show more children rather than adults get hurt by fireworks. Over the past five years over 350 pre-school children, some only a year old, were treated in hospital for fireworks injuries.

## Be safe not sorry

Fireworks are safe if you use them properly. If you're putting on a home display, you should follow some simple steps to make sure that everyone has a good time without getting hurt.

## Keep kids safe

We want children to enjoy fireworks but they need to know that they can be dangerous if they are not used properly. Each year, over half of all firework injuries are suffered by children.

## Sparkler safety

Did you know that sparklers get five times hotter than cooking oil? Sparklers are not toys and should never be given to a child under five.

## Buying fireworks

When buying fireworks, only buy from a licensed retailer. Remember, it is illegal to sell fireworks to anyone **under the age of 18**.

Only buy fireworks that comply with British Standard **7114:1988** or its European equivalent. Instructions should be in English.

Only buy fireworks in full packs - do not buy loose fireworks or packs that have had fireworks taken out of them.

Fireworks bought from unlicensed retailers could severely injure or kill. They are usually badly made and do not conform to the British Standard **7114:1988** or its European equivalent

If you suspect that a retailer is selling fireworks illegally, please contact:

**Crimestoppers** on **0800 555 1111**. Your call is free and you do not have to give your name.

For referrals to Trading Standards contact **Consumer Direct** on **08454 040506**