



FIRE SAFETY

WATCHING FIREWORKS CAN BE GREAT FUN BUT THEY CAN ALSO BE VERY DANGEROUS AND HAVE TO BE TREATED WITH CARE.



GOING TO AN ORGANISED OUTDOOR EVENT IS THE SAFEST OPTION

This year will be different and you might be thinking about holding your own celebrations. Follow these simple guidelines to have a safe and happy time.

TOP TEN TIPS FOR A SAFE CELEBRATION



- Only grown ups should touch fireworks
- Never play with fireworks. They are dangerous. Under 5's should not be given sparklers.- An adult needs to supervise children at all times.
- Fill a bucket with water and place the sparklers in the water when you have finished, hot end down. Only ever have 1 sparkler in your hand.
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off it can still explode.
- Only buy fireworks that carry the CE mark, use 1 at a time.



BE KIND BE SMART

Be thoughtful about pets and neighbours. Many animals find fireworks scary and it's not just the pets in our home. In addition, many more people will be at home alone this year and can find the celebrations confusing and a source of anxiety. So this year can we think about **Celebrations without the risk!?**

- Focus on the foodie delights
- Get creative by decorating your garden or house. Paint cardboard tubes, add glitter and tissue and make your own rockets.
- Watch firework displays on the TV, switch off the lights and cuddle on the sofa.
- Make a woodland shelter in your garden for hedgehogs etc. instead of a bonfire.



BE SAFE WITH CANDLES

Dressing up is part of the fun at this time of year but loose clothing can go up in flames if near to a lit candle.

- Check all dressing up clothes have the CE mark. This doesn't mean it won't catch light but will burn more slowly.
- Keep candles away from decorations and don't forget to blow them out.
- Think about using LED/flameless battery-powered candles for extra safety.
- Never leave young children or pets alone with lit candles and do not allow children to carry, play or reach over a candle.

