



# Firework SAFETY

## Remember #FireworkSafety

Please do not set off fireworks around animals as this can result in great distress and cause them to be injured. The noise of fireworks can startle and frighten animals and cause them to flee in to road traffic or in to barbed wire fences.

Please be considerate of pets, farm and wild animals.

Do not set off fireworks near stables, aviaries or animal enclosures.

Do not light bonfires on public land or private land without permission from the owner.

Always check a bonfire pile before setting alight in case of any wild animals taking shelter.

It is now **ILLEGAL** for the general public to set fireworks off before 6pm and after 11pm in the evening (this extends to midnight on 5th November and 1am on New Year's Eve, Chinese New Year and Diwali).

## Always follow the fireworks code:

### > FIREWORKS CODE

The SFRS recommend attending organised public firework displays. But if you do purchase fireworks, be safe and always follow the fireworks code:

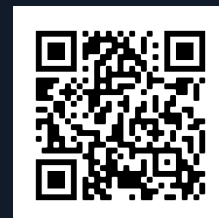
Only adults should deal with setting up firework displays, the lighting of fireworks and the safe disposal of fireworks once they have been used (and remember, alcohol and fireworks don't mix!). Children and young people should be supervised, and watch and enjoy fireworks at a safe distance.



1. Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable, and ensure it finishes before 11pm.
2. Only buy fireworks with which carry the CE mark, keep them in a closed metal box – take them out one at a time.
3. Follow the instructions on each firework – read them in daylight or by torchlight, never by a naked flame.
4. Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
5. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
6. Never return to a firework once it has been lit – even if it hasn't gone off it could still explode.
7. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them.
8. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators.
9. Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
10. Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.

**Be safe, be kind and be smart this firework season.**

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