

# STAY SAFE THIS BONFIRE NIGHT

- Follow the Firework Code
- Keep a safe distance
- Think of others
- It is illegal to use fireworks before 6pm or after 11pm\*
- It is illegal to buy or give fireworks to anyone under the age of 18\*\*

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# 1. FOLLOW THE FIREWORK CODE

During the bonfire season, most firework injuries treated at emergency departments happen at informal private displays. Over half of those requiring treatment are children.

To keep you and your family safe, read and follow the instructions on the packaging for every firework you use. Check the Firework Code at:

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# 2. KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE

There are two categories of fireworks you can legally buy to use in your garden, CAT F2 and CAT F3.

**With CAT F2 fireworks**, everyone in your party must stand **at least 8 metres** away for safety. That's around 26 feet - or the **length of two family cars parked end-to-end!**

**CAT F3 fireworks** have a minimum distance of **25 metres**, or about 82 feet. You really need a garden the **length of a local swimming pool** for CAT F3 fireworks.

**The category and required safety distance will be clearly marked on the outside of the box.**

# 3. THINK OF OTHERS

Please think of others if you're planning on setting off fireworks in your garden, and remember that for some people, fireworks can be particularly distressing and frightening. If your neighbours have pets, they will need to keep them indoors - so let them know well in advance.

## **\*IT IS ILLEGAL TO SET OFF FIREWORKS BEFORE 6PM AND AFTER 11PM**

This extends to Midnight on the 5th November and 1am on Hogmanay, Chinese New Year and Diwali.

## **\*\*IT IS ILLEGAL TO BUY OR GIVE FIREWORKS TO ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18**

With the exception of F1 fireworks.



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