

Fireworks Facts

Remember, remember ... the impact of fireworks

With Bonfire Night approaching, it's important to know the facts about fireworks so you're aware of the impact they can have on others and to help keep you and your loved ones safe.

10 Facts about Fireworks

- It is illegal to set off fireworks in public places, including streets and parks.
- It is illegal to buy, attempt to buy, give, or in any way make a firework available to someone under the age of 18, with the exception of F1 fireworks*.
- It is illegal to set fireworks off before 6pm and after 11pm. This extends to midnight on 5th November and 1am on Hogmanay, Chinese New Year and Diwali.
- Sparklers can get five times hotter than cooking oil.
- Most firework injuries treated at hospital happen at informal private displays. Over half of those requiring treatment are children.
- 41% of dogs are afraid of fireworks. If you are worried about an animal call 03000 999 999.
- Fireworks can be distressing for some people who experience sensory impairment.
- The safest way to enjoy fireworks this Bonfire Night is to attend a local organised fireworks display. Visit firescotland.gov.uk for further details about local events.
- Not all fireworks are suitable for use in private gardens. Always follow the Firework Code and check the minimum safety distances on fireworks packaging.
- You can report fireworks misuse anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

*Firework categories are clearly marked on the packaging.



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