

# Enjoy fireworks responsibly – Stay Safe this Autumn

## Follow these top tips:

- Always supervise children around fireworks and never give sparklers to a child under 5.
- If you organise your own fireworks, only buy them from a reputable retailer and prepare in advance during daylight.
- Follow instructions carefully on the use of each type of firework and use eye protection and gloves.
- Have a bucket of water nearby.

## Remember the Fireworks Code:

- Fireworks should not be sold to anyone under the age of 18.
- Only buy fireworks marked as BS 7114.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box.
- Light them at arm's length using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go back to a lit firework.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket.
- Never throw fireworks.
- Keep pets indoors.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix and may lead to injury.

## Know the law:

- It's illegal to let fireworks off between 11pm and 7am except on Bonfire Night (midnight), Diwali, New Year, and Chinese New Year (1am).
- It's illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to possess fireworks in a public place.



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