



**FIREWORKS  
USE THEM SAFELY!**



LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

Fireworks can be fun but take extra care – plan ahead and always follow the firework code.

## THE FIREWORK CODE

- Only buy fireworks from licensed retailers.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time.
- Read and follow the instructions on each firework, using a torch if necessary.
- Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
- Do not set fireworks off on balconies.
- Do not drink alcohol if setting off fireworks.
- Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them.
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves. Keep a bucket of water close by.
- Never give sparklers to a child under five years old.
- Always supervise children around fireworks.
- Always keep pets indoors.
- The firework curfew is midnight on Fireworks Night, 1am on Diwali, New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year, and 11pm the rest of the year.
- Be considerate, let your neighbours know you'll be setting off fireworks.

**REMEMBER:** Wherever possible, attend an organised firework display.

## IF YOU ARE HAVING A BONFIRE

- Build the bonfire away from sheds, fences and trees.
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
- Never throw spent fireworks onto a bonfire.
- Make sure that the bonfire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.

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