FIREWORKS ARE EXPLOSIVES
GET WISE OR GET HURT

This bonfire night your child is more likely to be injured than you.
Watching fireworks can be great fun for children. But figures show that, more often than not, it’s children rather than adults who get hurt by fireworks. Over the past five years over 350 pre-school children, some as young as one year old, were treated in hospital for firework injuries.

So don’t put your family at risk.

Follow our easy checklist for a safe home firework display.

Before the display
★ Check the fireworks you buy are suitable for the size of garden and conform to British Standards (BS 7114)
★ Read the instructions in daylight
★ One person - clearly identified - should be responsible for fireworks

Things you will need on the night
★ Torch for checking instructions
★ Bucket of water
★ Eye protection and gloves
★ Bucket of soft earth to stick fireworks in
★ A board for flat-bottomed fireworks
★ Suitable supports for catherine wheels, proper launchers for rockets

During the display
★ Don’t drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
★ Light fireworks at arm’s length with a taper
★ Stand well back and keep others back
★ Never go back to a lit firework
★ Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
★ Always supervise children
★ Store fireworks in a metal box, kept closed between use
★ Keep pets indoors

After the display
★ Use tongs or gloves to collect spent fireworks

Sparklers
★ Unsuitable for children under five
★ Light one at a time
★ Wear gloves when holding sparklers
★ Put used sparklers hot end down into a bucket of sand or water

Bonfires
★ Should be at least 18 metres (60ft) away from houses, trees, hedges, fences or sheds
★ Use domestic lighters
★ Never use petrol, paraffin or other flammable liquids

Further information can be found by visiting the following website: www.fireworksafety.co.uk


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