



# Fireworks Safety

Before they explode, read the code!


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 **Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.**

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 **Never give sparklers to a child under 5.**

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 **Buy fireworks marked BS 7114.**


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 **Keep fireworks in a closed box.**

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 **Follow the instructions on each firework.**


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 **Light them at arm's length using a taper.**

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 **Stand well back.**

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 **Never go back to a lit firework.**

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 **Never put fireworks in your pocket.**

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 **Never throw fireworks.**

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 **Keep pets indoors.**

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# Fireworks: The Law

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The law says you must not set off or throw fireworks (including sparklers) in the street or other public places.

You can be fined up to **£5,000** and imprisoned for up to 6 months for selling or using fireworks illegally. You could also get an on-the-spot fine of **£90**.

It's against the law to sell fireworks to people under 18. It's illegal for anyone to set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am, except on certain occasions:

- 🌟 **Bonfire Night, when the cut off is midnight**
- 🌟 **New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year, when the cut off is 1am**

Check with your council to find out about any local rules for setting off fireworks.

Get information about firework safety from The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents and the Health and Safety Executive.

If someone is injured by a firework, call **999** for emergency services.

## Buying fireworks

You should only buy fireworks (including sparklers) from registered sellers for private use on these dates:

- 🌟 **15 October to 10 November**
- 🌟 **26 to 31 December**
- 🌟 **3 days before Diwali and Chinese New Year**

Adult fireworks are category 2 and 3 fireworks - they don't include things like party poppers. Category 4 fireworks can only be used by professionals.