

How to Keep Children Safe on Bonfire Night

Bonfire night is great fun, but undeniably dangerous too. Teaching your child some bonfire safety rules can help prevent injuries so that everyone can enjoy bonfire night.



Bonfire night is a thrilling time for adults and children alike.

However, we can't hide away from the fact that firework celebrations can end in injury if safety rules are not in place. According to the Child Accident Prevention Trust, more than 550 children under 16 are taken to A&E in the weeks surrounding bonfire night.

Teaching your child some bonfire safety rules can help prevent these injuries so that bonfire night can be enjoyed by all.

How do you stay safe around fireworks?

- Your child should not "help out" with your fireworks display.
- Your child should never touch, throw, play with or light fireworks.

- When you're watching the fireworks displays, stand well back from any firework that has been lit, even if it has not gone off.
- If you have any pets, please ensure you keep them indoors.

How do you stay safe with sparklers?

- You or your child should wear gloves when holding sparklers.
- Make sure an adult is always present when sparklers are lit.
- Keep a bucket of sand or water handy to put the used sparklers in.
- You should have a discussion with your child about not touching the lit end of the sparkler.

- Although waving a sparkler is very tempting, make sure your child keeps it away from their face, clothes or other people.
- If your child is under five years old, a grown-up should handle the sparkler for safety reasons.

How do you stay safe around bonfires?

- Stand far back at a safe distance from the fire with your child.
- Children should never attempt to help an adult light a bonfire. Bonfires can be unpredictable and extremely dangerous therefore a child should never assist in lighting, even if the bonfire is relatively small.