Stay Safe Checklist for…
bonfires

✔ Never leave a bonfire unattended

✔ Think about when you are having your bonfire – avoid having them on a day affected by industrial action and at a time least likely to affect your neighbours

✔ Have you told your neighbours beforehand? They are much less likely to complain or to alert the fire service

✔ Make sure you build the bonfire away from sheds, fences and trees and check there are no cables - like telephone wires - above the bonfire

✔ Never use petrol or paraffin to get the fire going - it may get out of control quickly

✔ Have you got a bucket of water or a garden hose nearby in case of emergencies?

✔ Have you made sure children and pets can't get near it?

✔ Don't burn aerosols, tyres, canisters or anything containing foam or paint - many produce toxic fumes and some containers may explode, causing injury

✔ Take care around bonfires - all clothes, even those labelled ‘low flammability’ - can catch fire

✔ Once the bonfire has died down, spray the embers with water to stop it reigniting