



Stay Safe Checklist for... fireworks

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- ✓ Never buy fireworks from anywhere you're not sure about, like a van or a temporary, unlicensed market stall
- ✓ Have you checked for safety standards information? Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114 or with a CE mark - this shows that the firework meets British or European safety standards - a reputable shop will know this
- ✓ Make sure you read and understand the instructions on each firework carefully in daylight or by torchlight, never by a naked flame
- ✓ Make suitable supports and launchers if you're setting off Catherine wheels or rockets
- ✓ Have you got the following things together? a closed metal box to store the fireworks - take them out one at a time; a bucket of water - to cool sparklers and put out any small fires; eye protection and gloves and a bucket of earth to stick fireworks in
- ✓ Have you decided who will let the fireworks off? It is best to only have one person do this, they shouldn't drink, they should make sure everyone else stands well back and use a tape to light the fireworks at arm's length
- ✓ Never go back to a firework that has been lit - even if it hasn't gone off it could still explode
- ✓ Never throw fireworks on a bonfire, put them in your pocket or throw them
- ✓ Have you told your neighbours you are going to let off fireworks? Are all pets safe inside?
- ✓ Make sure you always supervise children with sparklers and never give them to a child under five, they should wear gloves and sparklers should be lit one at a time
- ✓ Put used sparklers hot end down into a bucket of sand or water