

STAY SAFE THIS BONFIRE NIGHT!

- Follow the fireworks code
- Keep a safe distance
- Think of others
- Take care!

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1. FOLLOW THE FIREWORKS CODE

Fireworks can be great fun, but if they're not used correctly they're dangerous. During the bonfire season last year, 85% of all firework injuries treated at emergency departments happened at informal private displays. Over half of those requiring treatment were children.

To keep you and your family safe, read and follow the instructions on the packaging for every firework you use. And check The Firework Code at www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-safety/fireworks-safety

2. KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE

There are two categories of fireworks you can legally buy to use in your garden, CAT F2 and CAT F3. The category will be clearly marked on the outside of the box.

With CAT F2 fireworks, everyone in your party must stand at least **8 metres** away for safety. That's around 26 ft - or the **length of two family cars parked end-to-end!**

CAT F3 fireworks have a minimum distance of **25 metres**, or about 82 feet.

You really need a garden the **length of a local swimming pool** for CAT F3 fireworks.

CAT F4 fireworks are NOT for private use.

If you're having friends or family over for your firework display, you must make them aware of the minimum safe distance for the fireworks you're using.

3. THINK OF OTHERS

Please think of others if you're planning on setting off fireworks in your garden, and remember that for some people, fireworks can be particularly distressing and frightening. If your neighbours have pets, they will need to keep them indoors - so let them know well in advance.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO SET FIREWORKS OFF AFTER 11PM AT ANY TIME OR AFTER MIDNIGHT ON 5TH NOVEMBER.

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