



STAY SAFE WITH THE SPARKS

As autumn arrives, you may be tempted to hold your own bonfire or fireworks display. It's always safer to go to an official display, but remember the following advice if you do hold your own.

Fireworks are fun but pose a danger if mishandled or misused. Make sure you

- Follow manufacturer instructions carefully and read them in the day or by torchlight, never a naked flame
- Never go back to a firework once it has been lit, and never throw a firework or put it in your pocket
- Light fireworks at arm's length, using a safety firework lighter or fuse wick, and stand well back
- Collect fireworks after a display with care. Douse them with water and dispose of them properly in a metal container

Sparklers can reach temperatures of 100°C, so stay safe by ensuring you:

- Always wear gloves, preferably leather ones
- Supervise children with sparklers and don't give one to children under the age of five
- Hold sparklers at an arm's length, and don't wave them near other people
- Put used sparklers into a bucket of sand or water

Bonfires are a hazard at any time of the year. Make sure you:

- Build them well away from houses, garages, sheds, fences, overhead cables, trees and shrubs
- Never use flammable liquids to light the fire such as paraffin or petrol, and don't burn furniture, aerosols or bottles
- Never leave a bonfire unsupervised - especially around children
- Pour water on embers before leaving

And always remember:

- Have a bucket of water, garden hose or fire extinguisher ready and on standby
- Never drink alcohol when in charge of a bonfire or fireworks display



Follow these safety tips and enjoy a safe time this bonfire night. Find out more by visiting www.northantsfire.gov.uk @NorthantsFire

