



> SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY GROUPS

Are you a teacher, youth worker or do you run a local community group?

If so you can help Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service reduce the risk of injury to our children and young people by raising awareness around the serious dangers associated with fireworks and bonfires.

For further information on promoting bonfire and firework safety please contact your local community fire station. Details can be found on our website www.lancsfirerescue.org.uk/yourlocalstation.

You can also find useful information on the Government website: www.gov.uk/government/publications/promoting-firework-safety-schools-pack-key-stage-2

> JOIN LANCASHIRE'S FIGHT AGAINST FIRE

Accidents tend to happen at private, smaller bonfire gatherings. Be safe this year and attend an organised display.

Bonfires and fireworks produce large volumes of carbon emissions and other harmful gases. Please protect the environment and attend an organised display where possible.

> CONTACT US

For more information on practical fire safety advice both around the bonfire period and in the home you can visit our website.

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Bonfire Safety



Fact.

Lancashire's fire crews **are up to four times busier** than usual around Bonfire night, wasting time and resources attending unsafe bonfires.

> WARNING! FIRE AND ALCOHOL DON'T MIX!

Do not go near bonfires or fireworks whilst under the influence of alcohol, especially if you are responsible for tending to a fire or lighting fireworks.

Some individuals may be tempted to ignore local by-laws, however it is an offence to drink alcohol in public places.

> BONFIRES AND THE LAW

There are no UK statutes that specifically prohibit domestic bonfires on private land however there are laws that protect people from being affected by the smoke caused by bonfires.

Fly-tipping during the Bonfire period is a major cause of nuisance fires and is also a criminal offence. If you see fly-tipping or know where there is a build up of refuse or combustible material it may be a tempting target for firesetters, so report it to your local council.

If you have any information about any deliberate fire setting in your area you can report it anonymously to **Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111**

Be mindful that fires can get out of control quickly and could cause injury so ensure the fire is monitored and not left unattended.

> BONFIRE SAFETY ADVICE

We would always advise the public look to attend organised bonfire and firework displays. However, if you do decide to have a bonfire at home there are a few considerations to bear in mind.

- Build your bonfire well away from trees, hedges, fences, power lines, buildings and vehicles. Don't build your pile too large, add materials as the fire burns down.
- You must ensure that smoke does not cause a nuisance to neighbours or affect visibility on roads.
- Be careful to ensure that flying embers don't endanger any neighbouring properties.
- Never use flammable liquid to ignite bonfires. Use firelighters instead.
- To reduce the emission of harmful smoke, fires should only comprise of untreated wood and paper based materials.
- Never throw fireworks or pressurised containers onto bonfires as there is a danger of them exploding.
- Bonfires must always be supervised, even if the fire is smouldering and dying down. You must ensure it is properly extinguished.
- Check the bonfire before lighting it to ensure there are no animals or children hiding in the pile.

Any bonfire that fails to satisfy safety conditions or where people are behaving irresponsibly may be removed or extinguished.

> ORGANISING A DISPLAY

For more information visit ROSPA: www.saferfireworks.com for practical guidance and advice.

> FIREWORKS

Watching fireworks can be great fun for children. However, figures show that, more often than not, it's children rather than adults who are injured over the bonfire period.



Keep your family safe by talking to them about firework safety and encourage them to always follow the firework code.

> FIREWORKS LEGISLATION

It is an offence :

- To set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am (or after midnight on bonfire night).
- To modify, tamper with or misuse fireworks.
- To throw or set off fireworks in any highway, street, thoroughfare or public place.
- To sell fireworks to anyone under 18.
- For anyone under 18 to possess fireworks in a public place.
- For anyone other than a fireworks professional to possess display category fireworks.
- To cause unnecessary suffering to any domestic or captive animals.