



## Bonfire Safety Advice

Have a Safe Bonfire Night! Please consider attending an organised event rather than risking your safety by having your own bonfire.

**But if you still want your own bonfire...**

**Please ensure that you know about the guidelines:-**

**Bonfires should be 18 metres from buildings, trees, fences, overhead cables and car parking areas. Only clean, dry timber should be burned.**

**Do not burn:**

- Aerosols
- Batteries
- Bottles
- Foam-filled furniture
- Tins of paint
- Tyres

Bonfires should be no more than 3 metres in height. There should be a suitable barrier around the bonfire to keep spectators 5 metres away.

**Do not use the following to light the bonfire:**

- Petrol
- Paraffin
- Diesel
- White spirit or Methylated Spirit

**Use Firelighters instead!**

- Always check that no children or animals are hiding in the bonfire before lighting.

- Keep some buckets of water nearby in case of emergency and to damp down after the event.
- Bonfires built on council land without permission will be removed.

### **FIREWORK SAFETY CODE**

- Ideally attend an organised display.
- Fireworks must not be sold to any person under the age of 18.
- Buy fireworks marked BS 7114 or CE.
- Keep fireworks in a closed metal box.
- Follow the instructions on each firework.
- Light them at arms length using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go back to a lit firework.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby if you are setting off fireworks in your garden.
- Never throw fireworks.
- Keep pets indoors.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix and may lead to injury.

**To report unofficial bonfires on public land please contact your Local Authority**