



SUBJECT: Remember, remember Mr Guy Fawkes

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Remember, remember! The fifth of November, The Gunpowder treason and plot; I know of no reason why the Gunpowder treason should ever be forgot!"

Although we all remember Guy Fawkes plot to blow up the King and Parliament with gun powder. Unfortunately every year people don't remember the basic safety rules when using fireworks. The majority of the time it is safer to attend a properly organised and licenced event, cheaper too! However if you are planning to enjoy your own fireworks this bonfire night remember, remember the Firework Code.



The Firework Code

Young people should watch and enjoy fireworks at a safe distance and follow the safety rules for using sparklers. Only adults should deal with firework displays and the lighting of fireworks. They should also take care of the safe disposal of fireworks once they have been used.



1. Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable.
2. Keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time.
3. Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary.
4. Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
5. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
6. Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
7. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them.
8. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators.
9. Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
10. Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving

For further safety information and guidance on fireworks and bonfire see the links below:-

HSE
[Storing and Selling Fireworks](#)

Lincolnshire Fire & rescue
[Bonfire and Fireworks](#)
[Keeping kid safe on bonfire night](#)

Lincolnshire County Council
[Don't go out with a bang webpage](#)
[Illegal fire work: Are they worth it?](#)
[Stay Sparkler safe and not sorry](#)

If you require further assistance or clarification on the subject please contact: Corporate Health & Safety Advisers (see George section: Corporate > Information for Working > Risk Management > H&S Advisers)

Ref: ROSPA Safer Fireworks