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### Remember, Remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November



Private firework parties are becoming a thing of the past with more and more people preferring to leave the big bangs to the experts. However, if you are planning to hold a November the 5<sup>th</sup> party and intend to have a small firework display and/ or bonfire you will need to plan the event carefully and responsibly.

- Don't allow spectators to bring their own fireworks.
- Keep away from a firework which failed to display.
- If you have a bonfire check the structure before you light it to make sure it is sound and children and animals have not crawled inside the structure.
- Do not use accelerants to light the fire.
- Identify who is responsible for lighting the fire and make sure that they and their helpers wear suitable clothing.
- Make sure you and your helpers know how to manage clothing catching fire and burn injuries. Keep a full body fire blanket to hand or damp towels.
- After the event clear the site carefully making sure you dispose of fireworks safely.

### Have an enjoyable and safe weekend.

safety tips will help to ensure your party is an evening to remember for all the right reasons.

Remembering to follow some basic

The following safety tips for a safe firework and bonfire night event are endorsed by the Health and Safety Executive:

- Contact your insurer (CCIA).
- Consider who will operate the fireworks. Remember that some fireworks may only be used by professionals.
- Think about the suitability of the site. You need space for the fireworks; separation between the fireworks and spectators and space for the spectators. Mark out these areas including safety zones around the display, the bonfire (if you have one) and the area where the fireworks are expected to fall. You will also need to consider prevailing winds, obstructions and overhead power cables.
- Have a robust emergency plan and people to implement it who know what they need to do.
- Purchase fireworks from a reputable supplier.
- Store fireworks safely.
- If you are intending to supply food and drink make sure it is well away from the display site.
- Keep spectators out of your safety zones.

