

FIREWORK & BONFIRE DISPLAYS



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In connection with fireworks displays or bonfires organised by the Insured it is a condition precedent to liability that:

- The Police and Fire Brigade Authorities will be consulted at least seven days beforehand and their recommendations complied with in full
- All recommendations made by the manufacturer of the fireworks are to be complied with in full
- All fireworks used are to be supplied by a reputable manufacturer and not modified by the Insured
- The fireworks display and bonfires are to be sited at least 60 metres from any Third Party buildings or vehicles
- Spectators will be kept at least 25 metres from the display and/or bonfire and "shooting" fireworks such as rockets or roman candles will be placed inside a metal sided box of sufficient size to contain the device should it topple over
- There shall be at least one steward in attendance for every 250 spectators
- Qualified first aid personnel will be in attendance and there shall be available means of summoning emergency assistance
- The insured will not allow the private setting off of fireworks by people attending

This Policy does not indemnify the Insured in respect of any injury loss or damage which could reasonably, be foreseen to be inevitable.

FIREWORKS - SOME FACTS

- Sparklers get five times hotter than cooking oil.
- A rocket can reach speeds of 150mph.
- A firework shell can reach as high as 200 metres.
- Three sparklers burning together generate the same heat as a blowtorch.
- You see the explosion of a firework before hearing it because sound travels at 761mph, but light travels at 671 million mph.
- The majority of firework-related injuries happen at family or private parties.
- Around half of all injuries are to children under the age of 17.
- The most common injuries are to hands, followed by the eyes and face.
- Fireworks are safer now than they have been in the past thanks to safety standards.

Make sure your fireworks comply with British Standard 7114 or its European equivalent. Instructions should be in English.

The Firework Code



Children should watch fireworks at a safe distance and follow the safety rules for using sparklers.

Only adults should light fireworks and deal with [firework displays](#). Make sure you dispose of used fireworks safely.

Follow these safety guidelines at your firework display:

- Only buy fireworks that comply with British Standard 7114 or its European equivalent. Instructions should be in English.
- Don't drink alcohol if you're lighting fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box.
- Follow the instructions on each firework and be sure they're suitable for home use.
- Light fireworks at arm's length using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. If it hasn't yet gone off, it could still explode.
- Never throw fireworks or put them in your pocket.
- Always supervise children around fireworks.
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
- Don't give sparklers to children under five.
- Keep pets indoors.