

Dispose of fireworks safely



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Ensure that the fireworks are out.



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Soak them in water overnight.



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Put them in a bag and in the bin.



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Stay safe this firework season

It's the time of year when the night sky is lit up by fireworks. But if they are not used safely, people and animals could be badly injured.

If you're celebrating at home, follow our advice

Which fireworks can I use at home?

Before buying fireworks, check you have enough space in your garden to use them. You can find the category of the firework and the safety distance for spectators on the firework box.

F1 The minimum safety distance is at least **1 metre** unless otherwise specified.

F2 The minimum safety distance is at least **8 metres** unless otherwise specified.

F3 The minimum spectator distance is **at least 25 metres** unless otherwise specified.

These are minimum safety distances only and specific fireworks may require more space. Check the fireworks box to be sure you have enough space to safely use a firework before you buy it.



Let's be safe

Store fireworks properly

Store fireworks in their original packaging. Lock them away, out of reach of children and animals. Keep fireworks dry and away from sources of heat or ignition.

Read all the instructions

The packaging will tell you important information such as how far away people need to stand once the firework is lit. If you don't understand the instructions and warnings, don't use the firework. Check for the UKCA or CE mark.

