

The Fireworks Code

**FIREWORKS
BE SAFE
NOT SORRY
ALWAYS FOLLOW THE CODE**

**City Fire Brigade - Gibraltar
Fire Safety Department**

Watching fireworks can be great fun for children. But figures show that, more often than not, it's children rather than adults who get hurt by fireworks. Over the past five years (U.K. statistics) over 350 pre-school children, some as young as one year old, were treated in hospital for firework injuries.

SO DON'T PUT YOUR FAMILY AT RISK

Follow our easy checklist for a safe home firework display.

Before the display

- Only buy fireworks from a legitimate retailer
 - Inform neighbours and be aware of their concerns
 - Check the fireworks you buy are suitable for the size of garden and conform to BS 7114
 - Read the instructions in daylight or with a torch
 - One person - clearly identified - should be responsible for fireworks
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Things you will need on the night

- Torch for checking instructions
- Bucket of water
- Eye protection and gloves
- Bucket of soft earth to stick fireworks in
- Suitable supports for Catherine Wheels, proper launchers for rockets

- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
 - Light fireworks at arm's length with a taper
 - Stand well back and keep others back
 - Never go back to a firework after it has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off it could explode
 - Always supervise children
 - Store fireworks in a metal box, keep closed between use
 - Keep pets indoors
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After the display

- Wear strong gloves and use tongs to collect spent fireworks
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Sparklers

- Unsuitable for children under five
 - Light one at a time
 - Hold sparklers at arm's length and wear gloves
 - Put used sparklers hot end down into a bucket of sand or water
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Bonfires

- Are illegal in Gibraltar unless prior permission is sought from the Fire Safety Department who will issue you with a Permit (Tel. 20072936)
- Use domestic firelighters
- Never use petrol, paraffin or other flammable liquids

For further advice contact
the Fire Safety Department at
The Gibraltar City Fire Brigade
on Tel. 20072936
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