



Firework and Bonfire Safety tips:

Watching fireworks is great fun. But taking care is important especially as children are more likely to get hurt by fireworks than adults. There are simple things that can reduce the risk to your family.

- Children under five are too young to safely hold a sparkler and don't really understand why they might be dangerous. Avoid giving them one to hold.
- Babies or children can wriggle in your arms and reach out unexpectedly. Avoid holding a baby or child when you have a sparkler in your hand.
- Children over five will still need you to supervise them when they use sparklers. It's safest if they wear gloves when they're holding them. They might seem like 'fireworks lite' but sparklers can reach a temperature of 2000°C.

Have a bucket of water handy to put them in so that no-one can pick up a hot one off the ground. Teach them not to wave sparklers near anyone else or run with them.

- Encourage children to practice what they'll do if their clothing catches on a flame:
 - **STOP** what you are doing.
 - **DROP** to the ground and cover your face with your hands.

ROLL over and over to put out the flames.