

# Advice for keeping safe over Halloween and Bonfire Night

## Halloween

- Don't knock on doors if there is a 'no trick or treat' sign displayed.
- Always go trick or treating with an adult.
- Plan your route beforehand and only go to houses where you know the person who lives there.
- Stay in areas that are well lit with streetlights and always take a torch with you.
- Don't talk to strangers in the street and don't go into any house you visit (unless you know them well).
- Although Halloween is supposed to be spooky, be careful not to frighten people and don't do any nasty tricks.
- All Halloween costumes, whether homemade or bought from a shop, should be kept away from candles or other flames.
- Avoid creating homemade lanterns using candles, hollowed out pumpkins, plastic bottles or other containers, as these can be hazardous.
- If you are at home, do not answer the door to people you do not know or who you are not expecting.
- Make sure all anti-social behaviour is reported by calling 999 if it is an emergency or a crime is in progress, or 101 for non-emergencies.

## Bonfire Night

- Remember that it is illegal to buy fireworks or carry them in public if you are under 18 years of age.
- Do not attempt to light fireworks yourself. Leave that to adults.
- Never go near a lit firework. Even if it doesn't go off at first, it could still explode.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Wear gloves if holding sparklers.
- Stay at a safe distance from bonfires.
- Never throw anything onto a lit bonfire.
- Do not hide anything which may explode in an unlit bonfire.



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