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Fireworks

Every year injuries occur and property is damaged due to unsupervised or poorly organised firework displays. Noise from fireworks and firework displays can have significant impact on vulnerable people and pets.

People who misuse fireworks, could face fines or possible court action. The police and council have powers to issue fines of up to £100 to those who flout the rules and are involved in anti-social behaviour. Sales of fireworks are controlled and Derbyshire County Council licence and register different types of sellers.

Voluntary Registration Scheme for Public Events

If you run an event as a businesses or other organisation, either free or by payment you will also need to have insurance in place and complete risk assessments to ensure you, your helpers or staff and the public are safe. For support about health and safety for events, please visit the [Health and Safety Executive](#) website.

If you wish to host a large bonfire and fireworks where public attend please read our [Firework Bonfire Registration Scheme](#) guidance. The guidance may also be of interest to householders.

We are operating a voluntary registration scheme where we will promote registered public events through our website. This will prove you with an independent check on whether your plans meet the guidance and that you have insurance in place.

You must complete and return the [Firework Bonfire Registration Scheme form](#) at least six-weeks prior to the event taking place and [email](#) it to us.

When can fireworks be sold and set off?

Fireworks cannot be let off between 11pm and 7am except on:

- Bonfire Night (5 November), when the cut off is midnight;
- New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year, when the cut off is 1am.

To buy fireworks at other times, you must go to specially licensed shops. Derbyshire County Council licence sellers and more information can be found on their [website](#). Most shops have only been given permission to sell fireworks on or between these dates:

- 15 October to 10 November
- 26 to 31 December
- 3 days before Diwali and Chinese New Year

Store your fireworks safely

Communications summary

Completed:

- 27th June 2022 - Press release and web page for the registration scheme
- 5th July 2022 - Social Media posts as a follow up
- 5th August 2022 – Bolsover TV advertise the registration scheme
- 5th August 2022 – Weekly staff bulletin email details the scheme

Further social media posts and direct communications with known planned events during September.

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Register your fireworks event to help it go off safely

Organisers of firework displays across Bolsover District where the public will attend are being urged to register with us to ensure their event meets all the necessary safety requirements.

We have developed a voluntary [Bonfire and Firework Display Registration Scheme](#) to promote firework and bonfire event safety and help organisers provide a safer environment for the public.

By registering for the scheme, we will provide an independent check on whether the event meets the guidance, that proper insurance is in place and events will also receive free publicity through our communication channels.

Council Leader, Councillor Steve Fritchley said: "Bonfire and Firework events are a fantastic tradition which we want to support, but we also need to make sure events are run safely.

"And whilst they can be a fantastic spectacle and enjoyable, there are real risks to the public if events are not managed safely. This voluntary registration scheme will help draw attention to the guidance and the safety responsibilities organisers have to the safety of those in attendance."

In addition, promoting responsible use of fireworks alongside this scheme will help draw attention to the distress which misuse and inconsiderate use of fireworks can have on vulnerable people and pets.

Businesses have a responsibility to ensure their events are safe. If there are injuries to attendees and they have not planned events safely they can face criminal charges under Health and Safety legislation.

Also, people who misuse fireworks, could face fines or possible court action. The police have powers to issue fines of up to £100 to those who flout the rules and are involved in anti-social behaviour. Fireworks cannot be let off between 11pm and 7am except on:

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Fireworks bought at other times, must be purchased from specially licensed shops controlled by a County Council licence.

The scheme will also provide guidance for households on being a considerate neighbour in the use of fireworks in residential areas.

Cllr Fritchley added, "Bonfire night may seem a long way off, but the earlier you register with us, the better as we can provide as much information and guidance as possible to make sure your event goes off safely for all concerned."

Event organisers must complete a form at least six-weeks prior to their event so a robust check can be undertaken. More information about bonfires and fireworks can be found on our [fireworks](#) pages.

Crowd celebrating fireworks going off

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