

# Spooky Safety

Most kids, (including the big ones!) take the opportunity during Halloween and Guy Fawkes Night to make lanterns, set up bonfires, have parties, go guising and even put on fireworks displays.

The Fire and Rescue Service understands this is a great tradition and doesn't want to stop you enjoying yourself. But, too often, it's not just families' festive spirits that have been ruined by preventable incidents, but families' lives have been ruined too.

So read these top tips to a safe autumn festival season, and keep your children and yourself safe.



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Firefighters  
0800 169 0320

## Happy Halloween

Keep candles and lanterns away from furniture or curtains, and always place them on a steady, non-flammable surface. (Nightlights will melt plastic surfaces such as TV tops)

Keep exits clear of decorations – they may be your escape routes

Buy only flame resistant costumes for your kids or yourself (or bear this in mind when making them)

Make sure children know how to stop, drop and roll in the event their clothing catches fire (drop to the ground, cover face with hands, and roll over and over to extinguish flames)

Keep flammable materials such as crepe paper away from heat sources



## Have a Great Guy Fawkes

Did you know sparklers get hotter than cooking oil? They injure more people than any other firework. Supervise children and always have a bucket of water readily available to put the sparkler in

Do not build bonfires under or near overhead cables, and place them at least 18 metres away from buildings, trees and fences. They should be no higher than 2.5 metres

Always check the bonfire before lighting it for animals or children who may be hiding in there

If you suspect your child has an unusual interest in Fire, we are happy to have a chat with them. Call us on 0800 169 0320 for further information



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