



Topic: - Halloween and Bonfire Night

What have you got Planned?

With many Halloween and Bonfire Night celebrations planned for this season, we would like to remind people to keep safe while enjoying the festivities.

Below are some safety tips and guidance on everything from trick or treating, to the use of decorations and costumes.



Halloween – Our Top Tips



- Keep clear of all flames such as candles and lit pumpkins, which could cause costumes to catch fire or cause burns
- Be careful how you dress on Halloween. Homemade costumes and some costumes bought in shops can be flammable. Decorations should also be kept away from naked flames
- Plan your trick or treat route beforehand. Only go to houses where you or your friends know the residents. Always go in groups. Don't go without an adult
- Be cautious about eating what people give you when out trick or treating. Check with an adult when you get home
- Be visible, stay in areas that are well lit with streetlights. Take a torch just in case
- Remember 'STOP, DROP and ROLL' if clothing catches fire. STOP where you are. Do not run. DROP to the ground. Lie down flat. ROLL over and over on the ground until flames are out
- Don't wear masks that restrict your vision. You need to see when crossing roads
- Don't enter any house when trick or treating, stay on the doorstep
- Don't knock on doors where you see a 'No trick or treat callers' sign
- Avoid using real candles in lanterns and pumpkins. Battery operated lights are safer

**Bonfire Night - Our Top Tips****Stay safe this
Bonfire Night.**

Remember to check for hedgehogs and other wildlife, or even pets, before lighting a bonfire.



- Sparklers are not suitable for children under five. Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Always follow the instructions on fireworks
- Never throw fireworks or put them in your pocket
- Keep a bucket of water handy
- Stand clear of fireworks. Never return to a lit firework
- Light fireworks at arm's length, using a safety firework lighter or fuse wick
- Position bonfires away from sheds, fences and trees
- Before lighting a bonfire, check the structure is sound and it does not have small children or animals hiding inside it
- Keep pets indoors
- To find out more about the laws governing firework use, please see www.gov.uk/fireworks-the-law

What you can do to help

It's important that we do our best together to reduce the risks from fire. Please let us know if you think someone maybe vulnerable from fire or for any outdoor or indoor fire safety advice.

Please give us a call and have a chat with your Community Safety Officers. Service is completely confidential.

01785 898719 or email: - wsdgpreventteam@staffordshirefire.gov.uk

In the event of an emergency get out, stay out and dial 999