



Remember, Remember... Bonfire Night Tips for Landlords

A few safety tips for you and your tenants to avoid injuries and damage to your property, caused by fireworks, sparklers or malicious damage

Fireworks:

- Make sure the fireworks you are buying are safe for the size of your garden
- They should have a British Standard Number (BS 7114)
- Always have at least one bucket of water ready
- Wear a protective hat, eye protection and gloves
- Only light fireworks at arm's length and then stand well back
- Do not return to a firework once you have lit it



Sparklers:

- You should never give sparklers to children under 5, and always supervise a child holding one
- Sparklers can get very hot (over 2,000 C), so you should always wear gloves
- Only light sparklers in open, not too windy spaces
- Hold it horizontally and as far away from your body and face as possible
- After it has stopped burning, place it in a bucket full of water

Bonfire:

A community bonfire celebration is a much better and less dangerous place to enjoy a bonfire than in your garden where lots of things can go wrong. If you feel you cannot go without one, please take extra care:

- It should be at least 18 metres away from houses, trees, hedges, fences or sheds
- Before you light it, check for animals and children
- Use domestic firelighters, never petrol, paraffin or other flammable liquids
- Never put fireworks, aerosols, foam-filled furniture, tins of paint or tyres onto it

Malicious damage

Sometimes dubbed 'Mischief Night' Bonfire Night is also a peak time for anti-social behaviour, which can culminate in deliberate fires and vandalism. Landlords should protect themselves and check whether their policy includes Malicious Damage by tenants and their guests.

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