

Firework Safety

- Only buy fireworks marked BS EN 15947 or BS 7114.
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box.
- Follow the instructions on each firework.
- Light at arm's length, using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go near a firework that has been lit.
Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Always supervise children around fireworks.
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
- Never give sparklers to a child under five.
- Keep pets indoors.

To find out how to stay safe call

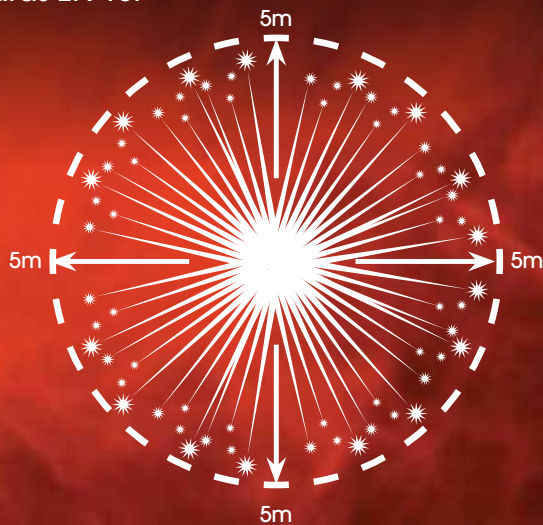
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- West Midlands Fire Service recommends that you go to an organised display, it's the smart way to be safe. You'll see a lot more fireworks and it's a lot cheaper!
- But if you do decide to use fireworks at home, please follow the safety advice in this leaflet

- Ensure that you buy your fireworks from a reputable retail outlet. Buy them so you can take time to read the instructions before use. It's best not to presume you know what to do, especially if you are unfamiliar, with a particular firework. Fireworks are explosives and need to be handled with care
- Don't buy fireworks from anywhere you're not sure about, such as the back of a van or from a temporary, unlicensed market stall. If you see anyone doing this, you should inform the police by ringing 999
- There are different categories of fireworks. Members of the public can buy and set off fireworks that come under categories 1-3 or F1-3
- Make sure the fireworks you buy are suitable, for the place, where you are going to set them off

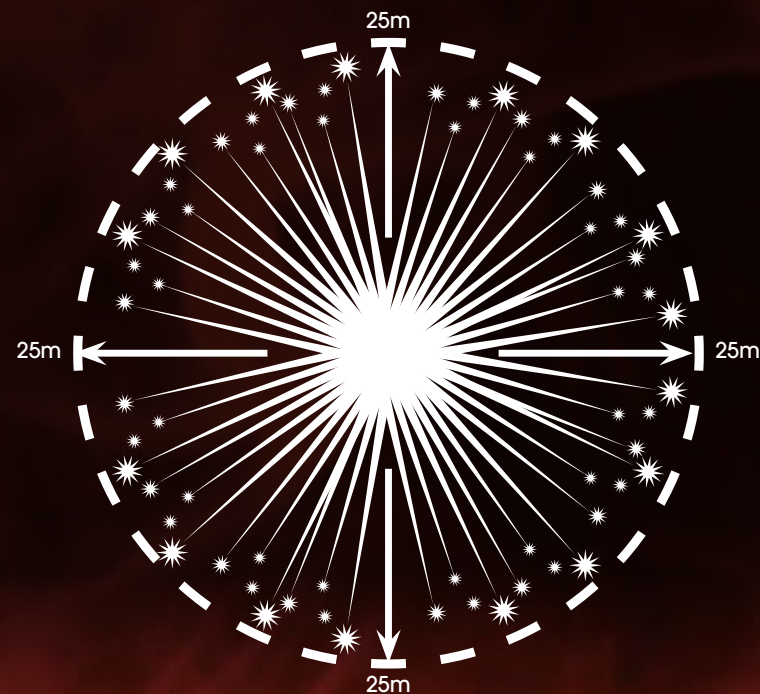
Category 1 or F1 refers to fireworks which pose a minimal hazard and this classification is usually given to indoor fireworks.

Category 2 or F2 items which are also known as garden fireworks require the smallest distance which is 5 metres if the firework is classified to British Standards EN 15.



(The safety distance for **Category 2** diagram - 5metres (approx. 16 feet)

Category 3 or F3 items which are also known as display fireworks require the greatest distance which is 25 metres for fireworks classified to British Standards EN 15.



(The safety distance for **Category 3** diagram - 25metres (approx. 82 feet)

In case you are wondering, **Category 4** fireworks are for professional use only. These are banned for sale to the public.

In the case of damaged or partially functioned consumer fireworks they are to be disposed of by soaking in water for 48 hours and then put with your domestic rubbish.

Remember, damage caused by fireworks to your property or neighbouring property is unlikely to be covered by your home or car insurance

Please turn overleaf for the Fireworks code