REEDLEY Safeguarding Newsletter

Staying Safe this November

Keeping children safe during Bonfire Night celebrations

Safe Children Brighter Futures

Bonfire Night can be an exciting and memorable experience for children, but it is important to stay safe. Here are some simple tips to help your family enjoy the celebrations safely.

Attend Organised Events



Whenever possible, take children to a supervised, organised firework display. These events are safer and professionally managed.

Keep a Safe Distance



Keep children well away from bonfires and fireworks. Follow safety barriers and any instructions from event staff.

Never Let Children Handle Fireworks



Fireworks are not toys. Only adults should handle and light fireworks, and children should never pick up or touch them, even if they appear not to have been used.

Dress Appropriately



It can be cold at this time of year. Make sure children wear warm clothing, including a coat, hat, gloves and suitable footwear. Avoid loose clothing that could catch fire.

Be Aware of Sparklers



Sparklers can reach very high temperatures and can cause serious burns. Always supervise children using sparklers, keep them at arm's length and make sure they wear gloves. Sparklers are not suitable for children under 5.

Keep Pets Safe



Fireworks can be frightening for animals. Keep pets indoors in a quiet, safe space and ensure they have access to food and water.

Plan Ahead



Talk to your children about what to expect. Agree a meeting point if you get separated, and make sure older children have a charged mobile phone.

Look Out for Others



Keep an eye on younger children, friends and family members. Make sure everyone stays together throughout the event.

After the Event



Do not allow children to pick up spent fireworks or litter left behind. Unattended fireworks can still be dangerous. Report any unexploded fireworks to an adult or local authorities.

A safer Bonfire Night means happier memories for everyone.

Thank you for helping us keep our children safe.