

## Fireworks - the facts

- From 2000 to 2005 two people died and over 6,000 people required hospital treatment as a result of firework injuries
- In 2005 there were 990 injuries, most happened at private parties and public places
- Thousands of pets and other animals need treatment from vets every year because of fireworks, either because they are hurt or distressed by the noise
- A sparkler reaches a temperature of up to 2,000°C - that's 20 times the boiling point of water
- A rocket can travel up to 240km (150 miles) per hour

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Dudley's Community Safety Partnership



## The law

### It is against the law:

- For anyone under 18 to have a firework on them (apart from sparklers) in a public place - a public place is anywhere members of the public can go, so it includes streets, parks and playgrounds
- To throw fireworks
- To set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am apart from on:  
**Bonfire night, 5 November - allowed until midnight**  
**New years eve, Chinese new year & Diwali - allowed until 1am**
- To sell fireworks, including sparklers to anyone who is under 18
- To sell, caps, crackers/snaps, novelty matches, party poppers, serpents and throwdowns to anyone who is under 16
- To cause distress to pets or other captive animals

## The consequences

### Penalty notices

There is an £80 fine for over 16s and £40 for 10 - 15 year olds if they are caught doing any of the following:

- Throwing fireworks
- Under 18s having any fireworks on them
- Setting off fireworks outside the legal times (see opposite page)
- Having fireworks that are only made for professional displays

**People who sell fireworks to under 18s can be fined up to £5000**

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