

Department of Place

Neighbourhoods and Customer Services
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Dear Householder

Re: Please stay safe during Bonfire Week

In the build up to **Bonfire Night** Bradford Council, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue and West Yorkshire Police have joined forces to urge residents to be extra vigilant to ensure the season is celebrated safely.

Whilst the vast majority enjoy the period and are respectful to their neighbours, a minority will cause anti-social behaviour and misuse fireworks. A large number of elderly and vulnerable district residents (along with many pets and livestock) suffer significant distress during this period due to the persistent noise and dangerous mis-use of fireworks.

In addition, some residents use the period as an opportunity to 'fly-tip' their rubbish. Bonfire Night should not be viewed as a chance to burn or dump waste or household rubbish. Waste should be disposed of using one of the Household Waste **Recycling** Centres across the district, which are free to use. Alternatively, you can use the Council's bulky waste collection service - information can be obtained by calling the Council 01274 431000 or online at www.bradford.gov.uk/recycling.

The law states you must be over 18 to purchase **fireworks** in the UK and they can only be purchased from a licensed vendor. If you buy fireworks for personal use, you are only allowed to use them on your private property or property where you have the consent of the landowner. It is a criminal offence to set off fireworks in the street or other public place without permission.

If you are a parent, please ensure your child stays safe and out of trouble. Please encourage those in your area to act with respect for your neighbours.

Yours sincerely,



Cllr Abdul Jabar
Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety





**YOUR CELEBRATION
SHOULD NOT BE
YOUR NEIGHBOURS'
MISERY . . .**

KNOW THE LAW

- It is illegal to use fireworks in a public place without the landowners permission – or within 50 feet of a road.
- It is illegal to let fireworks off between 11pm and 7am except on Bonfire Night (midnight), Diwali, New Year (1am) and Chinese New Year.
- It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to possess fireworks in a public place.



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