



## SAFETY ADVICE

It is much safer to attend an officially recognised bonfire and firework display. However if you decide to organise your own event, please follow the safety advice issued by Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service below and help make it a fun but safe night!

### FIREWORKS

- Leave the lighting of the fireworks to a responsible adult
- Only ever buy fireworks from a reputable retailer
- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114
- Keep fireworks in a closed metal box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arm's length using a taper
- Stand well back
- Never go back to a lit firework
- Never put fireworks in your pocket
- Keep a bucket of water nearby if you are setting off fireworks in your garden
- Never throw fireworks
- Keep pets indoors
- Remember- alcohol and fireworks are not a good mix- it often leads to injury.

### BONFIRES

- Never build your bonfire too close to overhead cables or nearby property. Bonfires should be 18 metres from buildings, trees, fences, overhead cables and car parking areas
- Bonfires should be no more than 3 metres in height, and there should be a suitable barrier around the bonfire to keep spectators 5 metres away
- Do not use petrol, paraffin, diesel, white spirit or methylated spirit to light the bonfire- use firelighters instead
- Do not burn aerosols, batteries, bottles, foam-filled furniture, tins of paint or tyres- aerosols and batteries explode when burned and plastics, foam, tyres and paint give off toxic smoke
- Keep some buckets of water nearby in case of emergency and make sure you damp down the fire after the event
- Always fully extinguish your bonfire once your party has finished
- Bonfires built on council or Adactus land without permission will be removed
- Remember to check your bonfire before it is lit; children have been known to build dens inside them.

Also ensure that you put your wheelie bin away to prevent it being set on fire and report any dumped household waste, which could become a dangerous and unstable bonfire!



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## CONTACTS

In order to ensure that any issues are dealt with as soon as possible, please report them to the relevant agency using the contact details below:



### **Greater Manchester Police**

Emergency only	999
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Other	0161 872 5050



### **Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service**

Emergency only	999
Firestoppers	0800 923 9999



### **Wigan Council**

Street Cleansing Team	01942 404 364
Anti Social Behaviour Unit	01942 404 021



### **Adactus Housing Association**

West Area Office	01942 263 630
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