











**BONFIRES AND  
FIREWORKS  
ARE DANGEROUS**

**BE SAFE -  
STAY SAFE**



# SAFETY TIPS FOR A HAPPY HALLOWEEN

-  Do not leave material lying around that may be taken for a bonfire
-  Do not facilitate illegal bonfires or firework displays on or near your home or property
-  Contact the Fire Brigade or Local Authority if you see a bonfire being built or lit close to buildings, trees, overhead cables, underground services or car parking areas
-  Stay a safe distance from bonfires and fireworks – wind can carry sparks long distances which may cause permanent injuries and scars
-  Keep dangerous substances such as oil, petrol, diesel and spray cans away from fires or fireworks
-  Hazardous Materials like aerosols, foam filled furniture, batteries and tyres will behave erratically and cause toxic fumes
-  Parents, businesses and households – Do not provide any materials for bonfires
-  Do not buy, use or supply fireworks
-  Respect the Emergency Services, Council Staff and the Gardaí in doing their jobs
-  Keep pets indoors around Halloween night – they are sensitive to noise

**Above All – Be Safe and enjoy Halloween.**

## MESSAGE FROM CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

Halloween is about dressing up, trick-or-treating and having fun with your family and friends, who wants to end their night with a trip to the hospital? Fireworks and bonfires are dangerous and should never be played with, so this October 31<sup>st</sup> stay smart and play safe.

## MESSAGE TO PARENTS



Every year Dublin Fire, Emergency Ambulance and Rescue Service answer in excess of 1,100 calls over the Halloween period



Remember it can be a dangerous night; children should not be out unaccompanied. Stay with your children and escort them on “trick or treat” visits to parties and events



Explain the dangers of illegal fireworks and bonfires to children and teenagers



Bring your children along to organised supervised events throughout Dublin City and County



For further information please see your Local Authority website

## MESSAGE TO BUSINESS



Remember to be particularly vigilant in the run up to Halloween



Secure all material on your premises, which may be targeted for bonfires



Giving material to an unauthorised collector is an offence and subject to prosecution

# WHY SHOULD WE AVOID BUILDING OR ATTENDING BONFIRES?



Burning tyres and other toxic materials releases pollutants into the atmosphere, which is bad for our health, especially for asthma sufferers and those with respiratory diseases



Illegal Bonfires are dangerous - children, adults and pets are at a high risk of injury and trauma from fireworks and bonfires



It's bad for the environment - burnt earth on parklands, pitches and community green spaces will take approximately 18 months to recover before grass will grow back



Every year the Halloween clean up is a major cost to your Local Authority - think what that money could do for YOUR community



The Dublin Fire, Emergency Ambulance and Rescue Service have an important and very busy job to do fighting fires and saving lives, and Bonfires are an unnecessary and avoidable extra burden on these busy men and women



Communities, especially older people, can become afraid when they see a bonfire and hear the associated noise

## Be Safe – Stay Safe

# DON'T HAVE ANY REGRETS

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