

STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE BRITISH BURN ASSOCIATION (BBA)

Be Safe on Guy Fawkes / Bonfire Night

1. Bonfires: build them in a safe location, and with appropriate permissions. They should be an appropriate size and located well away from people, trees, property and other fireworks. Never light bonfires using accelerants (e.g. petrol). It is safest to attend an organised event.

2. Sparklers: wear gloves and hold away from your body and face and those of others. When expired, discard safely such as in a bucket or sturdy empty bottle containing a little cold water.

3. Fireworks: buy fireworks from licensed retailers and use according to instructions. Use at the stated safe distance away from bystanders, buildings and trees or where they may distract drivers. Never re-light or approach used, previously lit or expired fireworks. Ensure launch tubes are adequately secured to avoid tipping over. Throwing fireworks is a criminal offense.

First aid: stop the burning process and apply cold running water for 20 minutes then seek medical assistance – see the detailed BBA first aid advice

(http://www.britishburnassociation.org/downloads/BBA_First_Aid_Position_Statement_final_25.8.15.pdf).

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