

North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service gives the following fireworks and bonfire safety advice:

- follow the Firework Code (on or in all boxes);
- supervise children with fireworks at all times;
- it is now illegal for persons under 18 to possess fireworks in a public place;
- only buy fireworks marked with 'BS 7114';
- position bonfires with care (away from everything);
- do not allow children to build dens in or on bonfires;
- check wind direction before lighting them;
- use the lighter provided or long taper (not matches/lighter);
- wear thick clothes (preferably natural fibres NOT nylon);
- wear gloves even to hold sparklers – they burn at 20 times that required to boil water;
- avoid alcohol before setting off fireworks;
- remember your pets – keep them safe inside;
- it is illegal to let off fireworks between the hours of 11 pm to 7 am (except Bonfire Night and New Years Eve);
- Ensure all fires are safe before leaving them;
- If you do get burnt, apply lots of cold water and seek medical help;
- consider your neighbours;
- stay safe, then you will not need to dial 999.

For further advice contact your local fire station.