

## **Fireworks Guidance**

The Police are responsible for enforcing regulations about the use and possession of fireworks.

If you are planning a fireworks event, please comply with the firework regulations. Please inform your neighbours so that they can take precautionary action, such as keeping their pets indoors. Please also advise the Environmental Protection team at Warwick District Council on [ehpollution@warwickdc.gov.uk](mailto:ehpollution@warwickdc.gov.uk) in case complaints are made.

### **It is illegal to.....**

- Have or use adult fireworks if you're under the age of 18. Adult fireworks are any firework except for a cap, cracker snap, novelty match, party popper, serpent, sparkler or throw down.
- Set off fireworks between 11.00pm and 7.00am. There are different arrangements for special occasions like Guy Fawkes' Night (midnight), Diwali, New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year (1.00am).
- Have professional fireworks without a licence.
- Sell fireworks without a licence.

### **Always remember to follow the fireworks code.....**

- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114
- Don't drink alcohol or setting off fireworks
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper
- Stand well back
- Never go near a firework that has been lit
- Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Keep pets indoors