

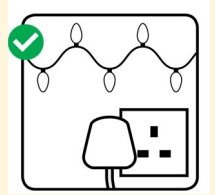


Celebrate Safely

Celebrate in style and keep everyone safe

Decorative lights... Always unplug your lights when you leave the house or when you sleep

- Choose energy saving LEDs, which release less heat and cost less to use
- Check your fairy lights are in good working order and replace any bulbs that have blown.
- If hanging lights outside, use lights that are specifically designed for outdoor use and connect them using an RCD protected socket



Candles...

- Keep candles away from anything that could catch fire such as; Christmas trees, curtains, cards, ribbons or decorations
- Never leave a burning candle unattended and put them out completely before you leave the room or before you go to sleep. Take extra care to keep candles out of reach of small children or pets
- Place tea lights in a suitable holder as they can melt through plastic materials



Fireworks... It is always advised that you attend an organised event for firework displays

- If you do buy fireworks make sure it is from an approved seller and that they are marked with the British Standard Kite mark for fireworks BS 7114
- Follow the instructions carefully and never go back to a lit firework. Have some buckets of water nearby to use in case of emergency
- Always supervise children with sparklers, teach them to wear gloves and hold sparklers at arms length. Always use sparklers outdoors, in an open space, ideally dispose of in water when finished



Lanterns... Humberside Fire and Rescue Service does not support the use of Floating Lanterns, as they operate in an unregulated and uncontrolled way, however, if you do use them then:

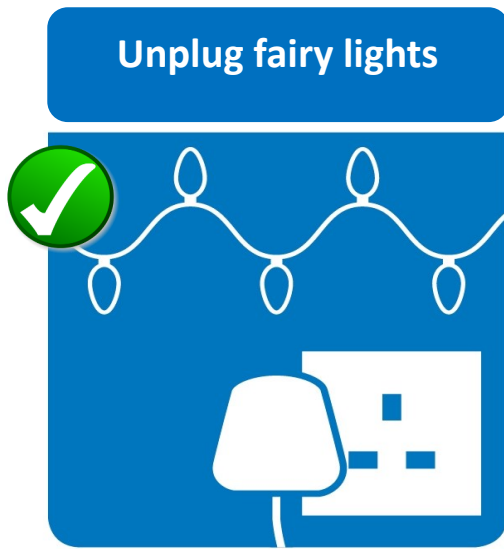
- Always follow the manufacturers instructions carefully
- Keep the launch area clear of anything that could easily catch fire and combustible materials and have a bucket of water nearby for use in case of emergency
- Avoid using damaged lanterns, be aware that writing messages on the paper can cause damage





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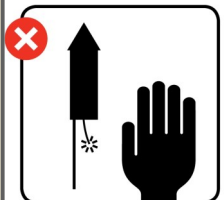
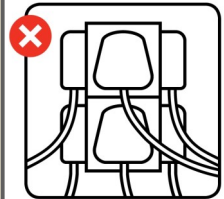


Prevent...

- Test the batteries in your smoke alarms every week
- Where possible use a surge protection extension cable and only have one item per plug socket to avoid overloading
- Make sure cables are long enough to reach, as connecting more than one extension lead together can overload the socket and cause an electrical fault
- Don't leave cooking unattended - it is easy to get distracted when you have family or friends at your home
- Supervise children at all times if there is a naked flame or heat source in the area they are
- Avoid wearing fancy dress costumes or flowing materials/clothing when cooking or when near a naked flame or heat source. They can very easily catch fire

Plan...

- Plan your escape route in case of a fire. The best escape route is your usual way in and out of your home. Choose a second escape route in case the first one is blocked
- Practice your escape plan with everyone in your household
- If you have guests staying share your escape plan with them
- Make sure everyone staying knows where the door keys are kept
- If you have guests staying, inform them of the best escape routes
- Keep your escape routes clear
- Keep a charged mobile phone with you in case of emergency



In the event of a fire, use your escape plan—**GET OUT, STAY OUT** and call **999**

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