



# Firework SAFETY

**WIN PRIZES  
for you and  
your school!**

## **Welcome to the Firework Safety Competition Pack**

**Are you in primary school? Do you want to use your creative skills to help make your community safer? Then this competition is for you!**

For many years, fireworks have been used to celebrate events such as Bonfire Night, Diwali, Chinese New Year and Hogmanay. You might have gone along to a public display in your community or seen fireworks set off in a back garden with your friends and family.

Lots of people enjoy fireworks but they can make others feel scared due to the loud noises and bright flashes. Fireworks and bonfires can also be very upsetting and dangerous for pets, wildlife and farm animals.

This national competition is open to all school pupils in Scotland. Entries can be from individuals, small groups, classes or whole schools.





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## OUR CHALLENGE FOR YOU

**We want you to help raise awareness of how to  
#BeSafeBeKindBeSmart when it comes to the use of fireworks in  
your local community.**

First of all, we want you to think about firework safety and talk about it with your friends, classmates or an adult at home. We have listed some key points and links to useful information to help you out. Check out the 'key points' section!

Next you need to choose how you are going to tell others about firework safety. You might want to:

*draw a poster  
write a story  
make up a poem*

**Or maybe you have another idea? It's time to get creative!**

When you are finished ask your teacher or your parent/carer to email your creation to us.

### FOR TEACHERS/PARENTS/CARERS

Please email entries to [education@scottishspca.org](mailto:education@scottishspca.org) along with first name and surname initial (if taking part as an individual), class, school and local authority.

Entries to be submitted by Friday 13 October

The judging panel will be looking for imaginative ways of spreading the message about firework safety.

The winning entries will be showcased across all partner social media channels throughout Scotland in the lead up to Bonfire Night.



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## Key points

- They can be dangerous when not used properly and can cause serious harm to both people and animals.
- Fireworks make loud noises which can be scary.
- Many people use fireworks in their own back gardens and so they can be set off at any time of year.
- Fireworks can cause air pollution.
- They can make some people feel scared or nervous.
- Bonfire Night can be frightening for animals and can lead to them getting hurt when they try to run away.

## Useful Information

You can find more helpful information at the following links:

- [www.gov.scot/publications/consultation-fireworks-scotlandexperiences-ideas-views-analysis-responses-public-consultationexercise/pages/6/](http://www.gov.scot/publications/consultation-fireworks-scotlandexperiences-ideas-views-analysis-responses-public-consultationexercise/pages/6/)
- [www.gov.scot/groups/firework-review-group/](http://www.gov.scot/groups/firework-review-group/)
- [www.bva.co.uk/take-action/our-policies/fireworks-and-animalwelfare/](http://www.bva.co.uk/take-action/our-policies/fireworks-and-animalwelfare/)
- <https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-safety/outdoors/fireworks-safety/>
- <https://www.scottishspca.org/firework-safety>
- <https://www.rospace.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety>

