

Introduction to the Bonfire and Firework Safety Education Pack

There have been many injuries to children caused by the careless use of fireworks in past years. Many of these injuries are avoidable and as part of our Community Fire Safety Programme the West Midlands Fire Service are keen to get the **fireworks safety message** across.

As part of this year's **Firework Safety Campaign** we are asking that with your support we can raise the awareness of firework safety in children and young people. West Midlands Fire Service has prepared educational packs that will give you all the relevant information you need to present a lesson or series of lessons.

The activities are compatible with the requirements of **P.S.H.E.** and **Citizenship** within the National Curriculum, as outlined in the activity plans enclosed in this pack. Most of the resources needed are included in the pack. **The preparation required is minimal.**

As you are no doubt aware, there are many other festivals celebrated in the West Midlands, as well as Bonfire Night, in which fireworks are displayed and bonfires are lit. Therefore the lesson plans are not specific to any particular festival.

This pack is designed for young people at **Key Stage three**.

There are a number of activities to choose from. These comprise:

- An introduction
- Positive and negative effects of fireworks
- How does it feel to be different?
- Organised firework displays/firework rules
- Dealing with burns

For extra information about West Midlands Fire Service look at www.wmfs.net

For extra information and in-depth lesson plans on firework safety look at www.fireworksafety.co.uk (click on 'school information'. The DTI schools packs are very thorough and comprehensive)

Other relevant websites are www.firekills.gov.uk and www.welephant.co.uk

If you would like to speak to a member of West Midlands Fire Service please contact **Community Fire Safety Admin** on 0121 380 6711 or CFSTeam@wmfs.net.



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