



## Glasgow City Bonfire/ Fireworks Protocol 2019

Fireworks misuse and bonfires are serious problems and can have a detrimental effect on community safety and those living within our communities.

Bonfires traditionally accompany the November 5<sup>th</sup> celebrations; however, they are frequently a source of danger due to their location or construction and they can also be a focus for anti-social behaviour.

To minimise the cause and effects of fireworks misuse and the associated dangers, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), Glasgow City Council (GCC) Neighbourhoods and Sustainability (Formally Community Safety Glasgow and Land and Environmental Services), Police Scotland, NHS and other partner agencies have agreed this joint protocol for identifying, reporting and removal of bonfires and bonfire related material. This protocol will ensure consistency, building on good practice and therefore increasing safety in public spaces.

### OUR AIMS

- To **reduce** the instances of bonfires being constructed in public areas; with a particular focus on deliberate fire setting
- To **minimise** the effect of reckless and indiscriminate use of fireworks and to identify those involved in this type of activity.

### OUR OBJECTIVES

- To identify locations where bonfires are being or have been constructed, or where materials for bonfires are being gathered and stored
- To liaise with GCC Neighbourhoods and Sustainability to ensure that, on being alerted by The Public Reassurance Team (PRT), the SFRS or others, that they will clear the site concerned
- To identify persons responsible for illegal possession and use of fireworks
- To identify retailers storing or selling fireworks in contravention of the legislation
- To educate schoolchildren on the dangers and misuse of fireworks.



## **Bonfire Safety Advice**

Advice from the SFRS is to attend a safely organised bonfire and firework display. However, if you must have a bonfire at home make sure it is well away from buildings, vehicles, trees, hedges, fences, power lines, telecommunications equipment and sheds - and you must ensure that smoke does not cause a nuisance to neighbours or flying embers do not endanger neighbouring property.

Additionally:

- Never drink alcohol if you are tending a bonfire or setting off fireworks – remember it is an offence to consume alcohol in a public place
- To reduce the emission of harmful smoke and combustion products bonfires should comprise of untreated wood and paper based materials only
- There is a danger of explosion from pressurised containers or sealed vessels being amongst bonfire materials or being irresponsibly thrown on burning bonfires
- Never throw fireworks on bonfires
- Never use flammable liquids to ignite bonfires – use proprietary fire lighters
- Smoke from bonfires must not pose a public nuisance, affect visibility on roads or otherwise inconvenience vehicles
- Sparks, flying embers or burning debris must not endanger nearby property
- Never leave a burning/ smouldering bonfire unsupervised – make sure it is completely extinguished.

Any bonfire failing to satisfy safety conditions or where people are behaving irresponsibly may be deemed dangerous and as such, subject to being either removed, extinguished or otherwise made safe

## **Bonfires and the Law**

It is an offence under Section 56 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 for any person to lay or light a fire in a public place so as to endanger any other person or give them reasonable cause for alarm or annoyance or so as to endanger any property.

It is illegal for anyone under 18 years of age to possess fireworks.

Throwing fireworks or setting them off in a public place (anywhere other than your own garden) is illegal.

You are not permitted to use fireworks between the hours of 11pm and 7am on any day except on 5 November when the curfew extends to midnight.



It is an offence under section 80 of the Explosives Act 1875 to throw or ignite fireworks in any highway, street, thoroughfare or public place. The power to enforce this section of the act rests with the **police**. Anyone convicted of this offence may be subject to a fine.

It is also an offence under section 100 of the Roads Scotland Act 1984 to light a fire or permit one to spread within 30 meters of a road if it either damages the road or endangers traffic on it.

If you know anything about fires that have been started deliberately in your area, you can call the Crimestoppers Scotland hotline on **0800 555 111**. All calls are completely anonymous and do not require names or personal details and you will not be asked to give evidence in court.

Fly-tipping during the Bonfire and Fireworks season is a major cause of fire and it is also a criminal offence. If you see fly-tipping or know of an area where there is a build-up of refuse or combustible material, contact your local authority cleansing or environmental department to arrange uplift.

For more information you can contact the **Dumb Dumpers** or call their Stop Line on **0845 2 30 40 90**.

## Anti-Social Behaviour

- It is an offence under section 80 of the Explosives Act 1875 to throw or ignite fireworks in any highway, street, thoroughfare or public place. The power to enforce this section of the act rests with the **Police Scotland**. Anyone convicted of this offence may be subject to a fine
- Regulations made under the Fireworks Act 2003 make it an offence for any person under 18 years of age to possess fireworks in a public place and for anyone to ignite fireworks during night hours (11pm to 7am). **Police Scotland** also deal with these offences.  
(The exceptions to this are 5 November when fireworks can be set off until midnight and until 1 am on New Year's Day, the first day of Diwali and at Chinese New Year)
- Under the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act it is an offence to cause any unnecessary suffering to any domestic or captive animals. This is enforced by the **Scottish SPCA** (03000 999 999).

## Fireworks Safety

Watching fireworks can be great fun for children. However, figures show that more often than not, it's children rather than adults who are injured by fireworks.

Over the past five years over 350 pre-school children, some as young as one year old, were treated in hospital for firework injuries. Be safe and always follow the **fireworks code**.

## Firework Code

### Firework Top Ten Safety Code for Adults

Young people should watch and enjoy fireworks at a safe distance and follow the safety rules for using sparklers. Only adults should deal with firework displays and the lighting of fireworks. They should also take care of the safe disposal of fireworks once they have been used.

1. Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable.
2. Keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time.
3. Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary.
4. Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
5. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
6. Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
7. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them.
8. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators.
9. Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
10. Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.



Children suffer over half of all firework injuries and many of these are babies and toddlers. Children's scars may heal but the trauma for them and their parents can last for years.

We want children to enjoy fireworks but they need to know that they can be dangerous.



## All children

- Supervise all children carefully and keep them well back from the bonfire and fireworks
- Never give sparklers to under-fives
- Show older children how to hold sparklers - away from their body and at arm's length - and teach them not to wave them at other people or run while holding them
- Avoid dressing children in loose or flowing clothes that could catch alight easily and give children gloves to wear when holding sparklers
- Steer clear of alcohol if you're running a display or looking after kids.

## Sparkler Safety

Did you know that sparklers get five times hotter than cooking oil? Sparklers are not toys and should never be given to a child under five.

- Store sparklers and other fireworks in a closed box in a cool, dry place
- Always light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Never hold a baby or child if you have a sparkler in your hand
- Plunge finished sparklers hot end down into a bucket of water as soon as they have burnt out. Remember, sparklers can stay hot for a long time
- Don't take sparklers to public displays. It will be too crowded to use them safely.

## In an emergency

- Cool the burn or scald with cold water for at least 10 minutes
- Cut around material sticking to the skin - don't pull it off
- Don't touch the burn or burst any blisters
- Cover the burn with clean, non-fluffy material - Clingfilm is ideal - to prevent infection
- If clothing catches fire, get the person to stop, drop to the floor and roll them in heavy material like a curtain
- Get advice from your doctor or accident and emergency department at your local hospital.



## Sale and Retailer Issues (Trading Standards)

- Legislation is in place affecting the sale and storage of fireworks. Retailers must obtain a licence from Trading Standards to be allowed to store fireworks for sale. If they aren't licensed, or if they store products in an unsafe manner, retailers will be prosecuted. A list of licenced premises is regularly updated and sent to Police Scotland and SFRS.
- It is illegal for retailers to sell most fireworks to anyone under the age of 18. The minimum age for smaller fireworks, namely caps, cracker snaps, novelty matches, party poppers, serpents and throw downs is 16. Retailers must only sell fireworks that conform to European Safety Standards and meet certain noise conditions.

Unless they have a special licence to sell on an all year-round basis, suppliers can only sell fireworks during the periods:

- **15th October to 10th November**
- **26th December to 31st December**
- **The day of Diwali and the three days immediately before**
- **The day of Chinese New Year and the three days immediately before**



## Dangerous Bonfire Reporting and Removal Protocol

### ***Removal of Bonfires***

It has been agreed that during the '**Fireworks Season**', Glasgow City Council's PRT will assist with inspecting and reporting bonfires and any bonfire materials. The SFRS and Police Scotland will also notify Glasgow City Council of any build-up of potential bonfire materials they come across (24 hours uplift number 0141 287 9700).

### **HOTSPOTS**

The SFRS and GCC Neighbourhoods and Sustainability have identified a number of potential 'Hotspot' areas where the risk of an outbreak of fire is considered to be 'significant' based on incident history. These include:

#### **Glasgow North West:**

Greenlaw Road, Yoker  
Fore Street, Whiteinch (**reported Act of Violence against fire crews**)  
Duncan Avenue, Scotstoun (**reported Act of Violence against fire crews**)  
Fulton Street, Temple  
Shafton Road, Temple  
Plean Street, Yoker  
Earl Street, Scotstoun (**reported Act of Violence against fire crews**)  
Southdean Avenue, Drumchapel  
Halgreen Avenue, Drumchapel  
Abbotshall Avenue, Drumchapel  
Arlington Street/ Millennium Park, Woodlands  
West Princes Street, Woodlands  
Mayfield Street, off Bilsland Drive  
Strachur Road, off Balmore Road  
Tresta Road, off Balmore Road  
Glenavon Road at Knowtap Street  
Skirsa Street, Milton  
Milton Area  
Leny Street (Ruchill Park)  
Smeaton Street (Ruchill Golf Course)  
Collina Street, Maryhill  
Hobart Street, Hamiltonhill  
Carbeth Street, Hamiltonhill



## Glasgow South:

Elderpark St, Govan  
Govan Rd, Govan  
Stag St, Govan  
McGregor St, Govan  
Admiral St, Govan  
Harhill Street and surrounding area, Govan  
Prospecthill Rd, Toryglen

Priesthill/ Househillwood  
Brockburn Rd, Pollok  
Darnley/Arden  
Cardonald/Mosspark

Alison St, Polmadie  
Annette St, Polmadie  
Daisy St, Polmadie  
Waterside St, Gorbals  
McNeil St, Gorbals  
Cumberland St, Gorbals  
Wadell Ct, Gorbals  
Commercial Ct, Gorbals  
Castlemilk Dr, Castlemilk  
Spittle Area, Castlemilk  
Croftfoot Rd, Castlemilk  
Arnprior Ave/ Quad, Castlemilk  
Kenmure Street, Pollockshields  
Albert Drive, Pollockshields  
Maxwell Road, Pollockshields

## Glasgow North East:

Bellrock Street (Cranhill Park)  
Ruchazie Area  
Royston Area  
Haghill Park, Haghill  
Queen Mary Street, Bridgeton  
Bernard Terrace, Bridgeton  
Springburn Park, Springburn  
Springburn Way, Springburn  
Broomfield Road, Springburn  
Lenzie Way, Springburn  
Balgrayhill Road, Springburn **(reported Act of Violence against fire crews)**





The PRT will monitor such 'Hotspots' to ensure that potentially dangerous bonfire materials are removed as well as identifying any further sites, not previously known.

Additionally, the PRT will monitor activities within their respective areas to help identify any problems in relation to the illegal storage and sale of fireworks by retailers or the illegal possession and use of fireworks by individual persons.

Where problems or potential offences are detected, they should be reported immediately to the local trading standards service and/or local police, both of whom have certain enforcement responsibilities in these areas.

The Glasgow City Council Trading Standards service will provide an up to date list of those premises within Glasgow City Council which are registered or licensed to store fireworks under the Explosives Regulations 2014 to the SFRS and local Police on a regular basis.



## Appendix

### Useful Contact Telephone Numbers

#### Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

To report a fire contact **999**

**Local Authority Liaison Officer** WC Chris Casey 0141 302 3304  
Christopher.casey@firescotland.gov.uk

**Community Action Team** 0141 553 4377

#### Police Scotland

In Relation to: **Any Misuse of Fireworks** (e.g.: times, location)

Call 101 (**999** in an emergency)

#### Crimestoppers

To report fly-tipping or firework misuse anonymously call **0800 555 111** or visit [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

#### Glasgow City Council

In relation to **Built Bonfires or Bonfire Materials**

**Neighbourhoods and Sustainability: 24-hour uplift number 0141 287 9700**

**Neighbourhoods and Sustainability: (In relation to: General Concerns)**

Contact numbers and email addresses for the Neighbourhood Co-ordinators are listed below:

Fran Lundie, North Neighbourhood Co-ordinator (041 276 7551)

[Fran.Lundie@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:Fran.Lundie@glasgow.gov.uk)

Karen Venables, West Neighbourhood Co-ordinator (0141 276 7568)

[Karen.Venables@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:Karen.Venables@glasgow.gov.uk)

Christine Martin, South East Neighbourhood Co-ordinator (0141 276 7527)

[Christine.Martin@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:Christine.Martin@glasgow.gov.uk)

Jim Kane, South West Neighbourhood Co-ordinator (0141 276 7608)

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Barbara Fearnside, North East Neighbourhood Co-ordinator (0141 276 7621)

[Barbara.Fearnside@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:Barbara.Fearnside@glasgow.gov.uk)



Tracey Boyle, East Neighbourhood Co-ordinator (0141 276 7751)

[Tracey.Boyle@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:Tracey.Boyle@glasgow.gov.uk)

Joe Moffat, South Neighbourhood Co-ordinator (0141 276 7824)

[Joe.Moffat@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:Joe.Moffat@glasgow.gov.uk)

**Trading Standards** (In relation to: Underage sales (to under 18s), unsafe or unlicensed storage by shops, dangerous fireworks i.e. not made to European Standards) **0141 287 1061**

**Neighbourhoods and Sustainability CCTV:** until 22:00pm 0141 276 7956

**Scottish Burned Children's Club** (in relation to: **support**)

Mark Stevenson

[www.theburnsclub.org.uk](http://www.theburnsclub.org.uk)

[mark@theburnsclub.org.uk](mailto:mark@theburnsclub.org.uk)

Helpline: **0800 75 60 999** (free from landlines)



## Glasgow City Community Fire Stations Contact Telephone Numbers

<u>Station</u>	<u>Appliance</u>
Cowcaddens	T01A1
0141 302 3111	T01A2
Maryhill	T02D1
0141 946 2223	T02A2
Knightswood	T03A1
0141 959 2223	T03A2
Yorkhill	T04A1
0141 338 6400	
Easterhouse	T05A1
0141 771 2223	T05A2
Springburn	T06D1
0141 558 2223	T06A2
Govan	V01A1
0141 445 2223	V01A2
Pollock	V02A1
0141 882 4872	V02A2
Castlemilk	V03A1
0141 634 2223	V03A2
Polmadie	V04D1
0141 423 2223	V04A2
Calton	V05A1
0141 553 4350	V05A2



## Remember Remember the 5th of November...

DO'S &  
DON'TS

We're all working together to make sure Drumchapel is ready and we need your help.

DO'S

- Stay safe and have fun at an organised event.
- Report any issue of antisocial behaviour to Police Scotland on 101, or 999 in an emergency.
- Report any flytipping to Glasgow City Council on: **0141 287 9700**.

DON'TS

- Leave any bulk items (especially wood) outside of your property.
- Leave your wheelie bin outside your property after it has been serviced – take it off the street.





**LIVE MUSIC STAGE**

5.30pm - 5.45pm  
**Jemma Stevenson**

5.50pm - 6.20pm  
**Simply Rod**

6.25pm - 6.55pm  
**Little Fix**

6.55pm - 7.00pm  
**Fireworks Countdown**  
**with Heart Breakfast's**  
**Dez Clarke**

7.00pm - 7.20pm  
**Fireworks**

7.25pm - 8.00pm  
**The Collective**

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**Drumchapel & West**  
**WINTERFEST**

**Drumchapel Park 5 November 2019 4.30pm - 9.00pm**

Thank you to all our partners including:  
GHA, Drumcog, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service,  
Wards 13 and 14 Area Partnerships and Drumchapel Life.

No Fireworks, sparklers, alcohol or pets allowed into Drumchapel Park during this event. Please wear suitable footwear.  
[www.glasgow.gov.uk/upcomingevents](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/upcomingevents)

**heart** 100-100  
turn up the feel good!



## Environmental Task Force



Are you concerned about litter, fly-tipping, graffiti, dog fouling or any other environmental issue?

We want to hear from you.

Use the **MyGlasgow app**, call **0300 343 7027** or contact us using social media



Report using Twitter  
[@theenvtaskforce](https://twitter.com/theenvtaskforce)



Report using Facebook  
[envtaskforce](https://www.facebook.com/envtaskforce)



# Stop your area from becoming a fireworks hot-spot.

If you know or suspect who is misusing fireworks or causing deliberate fires in your area, contact our charity 100% anonymously.

0800 555 111 or online at [crimestoppers-uk.org/giveinfo](https://crimestoppers-uk.org/giveinfo)

IP addresses are never traced.  
No-one will know you contacted us.



Crimestoppers Trust is a registered charity.  
UK Registration Nos. 1106687/SC037960.

Scotland

**CrimeStoppers.**

**0800 555111**

100% anonymous. Always.





# Be Fearless.

Fireworks misuse puts everyone at risk.

Give info about fireworks misuse in your area 100% anonymously.

[fearless.org](https://fearless.org)

-  [fearlessagainstcrime](https://www.facebook.com/fearlessagainstcrime)
-  [fearlessorg](https://twitter.com/fearlessorg)
-  [fearlessuk](https://www.instagram.com/fearlessuk)

Crimes against Trust (also known as the 'dark brand' 'Fearless') is a Scottish charity, SC027060, regulated by the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).





# Unsupervised fireworks displays are no laughing matter.

We certainly don't want to spoil the fun of properly supervised and organised fireworks displays, but there are many unorganised displays that will end up in someone getting seriously injured or killed.  
**Don't play fool. Play safe**

- Ben was looking forward to firework night too!
- All it took was a lit firework to fall over!
- Bens' clothes caught fire!
- This is the result.
- Please take care around fireworks.



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Working together for a safer Scotland

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