

# Follow Ben for a safe fireworks night



Don't forget  
your gloves.

**Ben loves fireworks night.** To make sure he stays safe every year, he follows the **Firework Code**.

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Fireworks will scare your pets, so keep them safely indoors.

If you are given a sparkler, always wear gloves. Always hold sparklers at arm's length and only hold one at a time.

Never give sparklers to a child under five.

Only adults should handle and light fireworks.

When you are watching fireworks, always stand well back.

When a sparkler goes out, **DON'T TOUCH IT.** It could still burn you, so put it in a bucket of water, hot end down.

You have to be **18 years old** before you are allowed to buy fireworks in the shops.

**Never play with fireworks.** They are dangerous and can hurt you.

Never go near a firework when it has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode.

## Firework Code

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- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114.
- Don't drink alcohol if 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.
- Don't let off noisy fireworks after 11pm.

**[www.direct.gov.uk/fireworks](http://www.direct.gov.uk/fireworks)**

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NOT SORRY  
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