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SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT

Fire and electrical safety in the home

With many smaller fireworks celebrations happening at home this year, remember to be considerate of your neighbours and those around you. If celebrating at home with your household or support bubble, check out this useful [advice](#) on how to help everyone stay safe when using fireworks at home. **#ProductSafety** **#safechildrentogether**



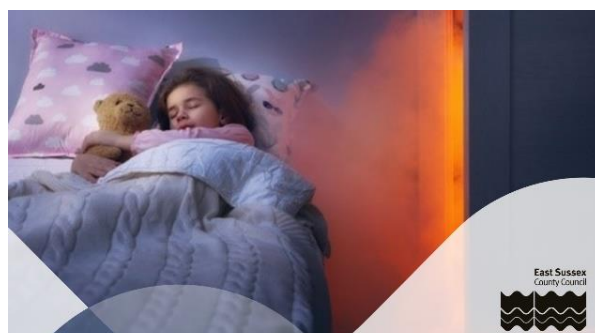
Organised fireworks displays have been cancelled and bonfire night is going to look very different this year. There are still risks on bonfire night even when celebrating at home with your household or support bubble. Check out the Child Accident Prevention Trust's [top tips](#) for buying fireworks safely and organising a safe display at home. **#ProductSafety** **#safechildrentogether**



Remember: sparklers can reach a temperature of up to 2,000 degrees Celsius – 20 times the boiling point of water – and three sparklers burning together generate the same heat as a blowtorch. Follow ROSPA's sparkler safety advice: www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4r4NxuQA7A **#safechildrentogether**



Families are almost three times more likely to die in fires that start in the night – especially if they don't have smoke alarms that work. We're supporting the Fire Kills [Press to test: Monthly is best](#) safety campaign, which encourages us all to get into the habit of testing our smoke alarms once a month. **#safechildrentogether**



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As this [video clip](#) shows, it only takes one small accident to start a fire. But did you know that you're 8 times more likely to survive a fire in your home if you have working smoke alarms? Don't forget... liking a post on Facebook takes the same amount of time as testing a smoke alarm. But could just save you and your loved ones' lives.

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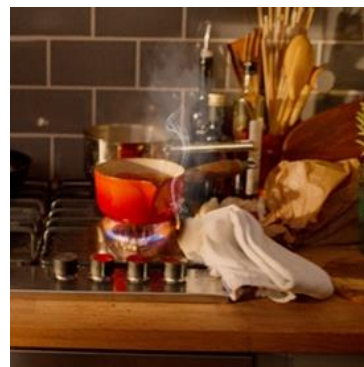
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Of the 453 accidental dwelling fires that East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service dealt with last year, 61 of the homes did not have a smoke alarm fitted. Find out how you can stay safe: www.esfrs.org/your-safety/safer-homes
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Smoke alarms really do save lives! In 20% of accidental dwelling fires in the UK, smoke alarms failed to activate. The most common reason was because the fire was outside the alarm's range. It is therefore important to install alarms to ensure the whole home is covered and test them every week. Find out how you can stay safe:
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**DO YOU HAVE SMOKE
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297 of the 453 accidental household fires to which East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service responded last year occurred in the kitchen, with cooking appliances responsible for 243 of these. Find out how you can stay safe whilst cooking <https://www.esfrs.org/your-safety/safer-homes/cooking/> #safechildrentogether



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Did you know that 69 of the fires East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service responded to last year were recorded as smoking related – 24 due to a cigarette lighter and 45 due to 'smoking materials'? If you aren't yet ready to give up, follow these simple steps to help prevent a cigarette fire in your home:

www.esfrs.org/your-safety/safer-homes/smoking
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Plan and practice how you and your family are going to escape if a fire breaks out. Having a well-rehearsed escape plan can save vital minutes and can literally be a matter of life or death for your family. Find out more by watching this short film.

<https://youtu.be/jjiXTBvVz6w>

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If you wake up smelling smoke, you should take the following steps:

- Keep calm, act quickly and get everyone out of the building as soon as possible
- Don't stop to investigate what has happened or try to rescue items
- If there is smoke, keep low where the air is clearer
- If you touch a door and it is warm, do not open it! Fire is on the other side
- Call 999 as soon as you are out of the building.



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Electrical fires are more common than people think. Last year East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service responded to 125 electrical fires in the home. It's important to check electrics regularly and not to overload plug sockets.

Find out how you can stay safe:

www.esfrs.org/your-safety/safer-homes

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Don't overload electrical sockets. Electrical Safety First has a fantastic [online socket calculator](#) so you can check that you're not overloading your sockets. For example, if you use the combination of toaster and kettle on an extension lead running from one socket, it's dangerously overloaded. **#safechildrentogether**



The average success rate of an electrical product recall in the UK is just 10-20%; this means that there are potentially millions of recalled electrical items still in the UK. You can check for product recalls at:

www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/product-recalls
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Electrical fires can be caused by faulty goods. Make sure you register any new goods so that if there is a recall on it you will know about it. For information on how to register goods, product recalls and general safety advice visit <https://www.esfrs.org/your-safety/safer-homes/electrical-fire-safety/> **#safechildrentogether**



Electricity is part of our lives. We use it from the moment we wake up and throughout the day. As a result, we sometimes forget how powerful and dangerous it can be. Help keep your family safe by checking out Electrical Safety First's tips on how to improve electrical safety at home: <https://www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/guidance/safety-around-the-home/> **#safechildrentogether**



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Electric blankets are the cause of over 5,000 fires each year across the UK. You should check your electric blanket regularly for signs of wear or damage, and replace it at least every 10 years. Don't accept or buy a second-hand blanket. When buying a new blanket look for the British or European standard, make sure it has a safety certification mark and that it has 'overheat' protection.

www.esfrs.org/your-safety/safer-homes/electric-blankets

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If you have young children and use an open fire at home – whether gas, coal or wood – it's important you put some measures in place to make sure they don't get hurt

www.esfrs.org/your-safety/safer-homes/chimneys

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Follow a night-time routine – switch off appliances, close doors and windows, and make sure cigarettes and candles are completely extinguished. Clear away any clutter in the hallway before you go to bed. If a fire breaks out, you don't want to be tripping over things in the rush to escape. **#safechildrentogether**



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Candles are a typical sight in many of our homes, scenting our rooms and giving an atmospheric glow to cold winter nights. But it's important to remember that a candle is not just a decorative feature. Left unattended, an open flame could leave a trail of devastation. Remember to place your lit candles with extra care, away from curtains, pets and children and always remember to put them out when you leave the room, even for a moment.

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children about fire safety: www.esfrs.org/your-safety/safer-homes/keeping-children-safe

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