

# Kildare Fire Service

## Fire Safety Information



### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### **Special Events:**

If you or your Family are planning to hold or attend a Special Event, there are some precautionary measures we would like you to take note of. When a party or celebration comes up most people seem to forget the serious side of the occasion, The Safety Side.

*Here are some initial tips Kildare Fire Service would like to offer you at the event.*

#### **Initial tips:**

- Take Note Of Emergency Exits
- Any Exit obstructed, inform a member of Staff
- Listen carefully to any safety advice given.
- If it appears that an event is being overcrowded, inform a member of staff.
- Ensure you know where the assembly points are when outside.

#### **If You Discover A Fire:**

- Stay Calm and Collective at all times
- Raise the alarm using the nearest Fire Alarm Panel
- Inform the nearest member of Staff.
- Pass all information that may be vital to the Fire Brigade
- Move as quickly as possible. Never go back into a building for valuables or collectables.

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#### **Fireworks:**

Fireworks create a splendid display. However, fireworks are also dangerous. In reality, they are in fact dressed up Explosives. So it goes without saying that precautions are of the utmost priority.

- Buy Fireworks from a registered/reputable trader
- Follow instructions carefully on each firework
- Light the wick at arms length.
- If you light a Firework and it fails to go off, **NEVER** go back, it could still explode.
- Never handle lighted fireworks
- Always ensure that pets are kept away from any fireworks.

#### **Bonfires:**

Going by tradition, Bonfires are only be lit once a year. Halloween Night! Bonfires can get very large and very out of hand if not controlled properly. It is vital that an adult is **ALWAYS** Supervises the bonfire.

- Bonfires should be built clear of buildings, houses, garden sheds and roadside hedges.
- If there are heavy winds, don't light the bonfire as it may get out of control.
- Never include Gas cylinders, aerosol cans, batteries or explosive I your bonfire.
- The Bonfire should be checked before ignition as young children or even animals may have hidden themselves inside.
- Keep copious amounts of filled water buckets or a hose reel at hand.
- **NEVER** leave the bonfire unattended. If the last adult has to leave the fire, ensure that the fire is dampened considerably or if you feel the fire is too large to quench yourself, don't hesitate calling out the Fire brigade to assist you.
- Always be Safe... Not Sorry!

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#### **Barbecues:**

Barbecues are Brilliant. The Scorching Weather, Holiday feeling, everyone is in great form... let's keep it that way. A Barbecue can very easily get out of hand. Here are some tips to having a good, safe barbecue.

- Always ensure barbecues are situated on level ground preventing it from tipping over.
- Always ensure barbecues are situated away from Houses, Sheds, Trees and stubble areas.
- When using charcoal, only use to a dept of about 2 inches (5cm). Keep charcoal bags away from the barbecue.
- Use as little emblems as possible to light the fire. Never use petrol.
- Always keep children away from the fire.
- When cooking, be aware of fatty foods as they may over spill onto the coal making it flare up.
- Make sure the barbecue is cooled off before moving it when finished cooking.
- Never empty the ashes onto grass, dustbin or in a shed. Empty it onto sand or soil.
- If you are using a bottled gas cylinder, make sure the valve is turned off completely.
- If you suspect a leak in the cylinder, brush soapy water over all the joints and watch for bubbles. If you are successful in finding the leak, try and tighten it, but making sure at the same time not to tighten it too tight.
- When you are finished using the barbecue, always turn off the gas cylinder first before turning off the barbecue control.



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