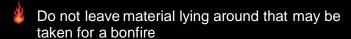


SAFETY TIPS FOR A HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Do not facilitate illegal bonfires or firework displays on or near your home or property

Contact the Fire Service or Local Authority if you see a bonfire being built or lit close to buildings, trees, overhead cables, underground services or car parking areas – Fire Service 999/112 OR Environment Section MCC - 042-9661240

Stay a safe distance from bonfires and fireworks – wind can carry sparks long distances which may cause permanent injuries and scars

Keep dangerous substances such as oil, petrol, diesel and spray cans away from fires or fireworks

Hazardous Materials like aerosols, foam filled furniture, batteries and tyres will behave erratically and cause toxic fumes

Parents, businesses and households – Do not provide any materials for bonfires

Do not buy, use or supply fireworks

Respect the Emergency Services, Council Staff and the Gardaí in doing their jobs

Keep pets indoors around Halloween night -

Above All – Be Safe and enjoy Halloween.

WHY SHOULD WE AVOID BUILDING OR ATTENDING BONFIRES?

- Burning tyres and other toxic materials releases pollutants into the atmosphere, which is bad for our health, especially for asthma sufferers and those with respiratory diseases
- Illegal Bonfires are dangerous children, adults and pets are at a high risk of injury and trauma from fireworks and bonfires
- It's bad for the environment burnt earth on parklands, pitches and community green spaces will take approximately 18 months to recover before grass will grow back
- Every year the Halloween clean up is a major cost to your Local Authority think what that money could do for YOUR community
- Monaghan Fire & Civil Protection, National Ambulance Service have an important and very busy job to do fighting fires and saving lives, and Bonfires are an unnecessary and avoidable extra burden on these busy men and women
- Communities, especially older people, can become afraid when they see a bonfire and hear the associated noise

STAY SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN

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