

## **Halloween/Firework Safety**

October and November can be a worrying time of year for many residents within Norfolk, especially the more vulnerable, due to Halloween and Guy Fawkes Night. Legally retailers with a licence can sell fireworks to their customers between the 15<sup>th</sup> October and the 10<sup>th</sup> November.

Norfolk Constabulary, Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service and Norfolk County Council Trading Standards Service, would like to ask you and your staff for your cooperation in ensuring that Norfolk remains an enjoyable and safe place to reside during this period. Could I therefore ask you to bring these matters to the attention of your staff and pupils? In order to save paper, perhaps you could print out the letter and place it somewhere it can be seen.

### **Halloween**

Halloween can cause anti-social behaviour within a community with some trick or treaters throwing eggs or flour at residents and their homes. Therefore we would appreciate your school not allowing such items within the grounds and to report any sales of eggs and flour from nearby shops to Norfolk Constabulary, if sales are made to your pupils within the days leading up to Halloween.

This year your local Safer Neighbourhood team will be reinforcing this message and giving out posters for residents to display indicating that they are happy to receive trick or treaters.

### **Firework Safety**

Fireworks can be fun, however they are explosives and thus if misused can cause serious injury or even death. All three services will be out visiting businesses and following these up with underage test purchases and enforcement action where necessary. Our purpose is to ensure that fireworks are used safely by responsible people.

Should you wish to contact any of the services regarding the contents of article, please email:-

Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service on [hq@fire.norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:hq@fire.norfolk.gov.uk)

Norfolk Constabulary on [webmaster@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:webmaster@norfolk.pnn.police.uk).

Norfolk County Council Trading Standards on [trading.standards@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:trading.standards@norfolk.gov.uk)

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued help and support with these matters.

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