

FIREWORKS

Please consider horses in your local area



- ◆ If you are planning to set off fireworks, inform neighbouring horse owners of your intention
- ◆ Fireworks should not be set off close to fields or stables housing horses
- ◆ Bangs, lights and smells produced by fireworks are unnatural to horses and may cause them to become fearful and panic.
- ◆ A horse in a frightened state may not consider obstacles in its pathway. It may bolt and attempt to jump or run through fencing, which imposes a danger to people, other horses and itself.
- ◆ It is an offence under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 for anyone to cause unnecessary suffering or the likelihood of suffering to a horse
- ◆ It is illegal for a person under the age of 18 to be in possession of fireworks in a public place
- ◆ Private individuals cannot set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am. This is extended to -
 - * 1am on Chinese New Year
 - * 1am on Diwali
 - * 1am on New Years Eve
 - * 12am on 5th November

If you are a horse owner and concerned about fireworks, advice can be sought from the various equine charities, or consult your vet