

Cambridgeshire Constabulary Newsletter

Please find two articles from the Cambridgeshire Constabulary Newsletter for November. These focus on bonfire night safety and road safety. The topic of road safety will be followed up by Tutors in Years 3 to 8 during this half of term.

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Welcome to our November newsletter: November is gearing up to be a busy month with lots of safety campaigns and awareness events which are all aimed towards specific topics. We have highlighted some of these events along with useful links which we hope will offer support and advice. Parents and Carers are reminded that this newsletter is for **both** Primary and Secondary school children, and therefore trust your judgement to share what you feel is relevant information for your family.

Remain safe this Bonfire night!

This time last year we celebrated bonfire night in lockdown! I hope you and your families are able to see some lovely displays whether at home or an organised event this year. Please have a read through the **FIREWORK CODE** and the **tips below** to remind and ensure the safety of your families and loved ones.

Whilst fireworks are a tradition for this time of year, please consider the impact the loud noises/flashes can have on animals. Please be courteous and advise any neighbours of your plans (note through the door) so they have time to get their pets inside and try and keep them safe and reassured.

- Only **adults** should deal with setting up firework displays, the lighting of fireworks and the safe disposal of fireworks.
- Children and young people should be supervised at all times, and watch and enjoy fireworks at a safe distance.
- Only buy fireworks which carry the CE mark, keep them in a closed box and use them one at a time.
- Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
- Keep naked flames, including cigarettes away from fireworks.
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
- Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them.
- Direct any rocket fireworks away from spectators.
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
- Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.
- and finally.....remember, alcohol and fireworks do not mix !!

Click on this link for further safety information on fireworks and bonfires:
<https://www.rospa.com/Home-Safety/Advice/Fireworks-Safety>



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Road Safety Week: Be a road safety hero

Road Safety Week takes place from 15th to 21st November with the theme **Road safety Heroes**, which aims to celebrate the heroic work of road safety professionals.



Who is a road safety hero? Basically, It's anyone who helps to make journeys safer and healthier, including someone who cares for people after a crash. Here are some examples of Heroes:

School Crossing patrols, teachers, emergency services, Highway patrols, Medical staff in hospitals, Parents and carers, Road designers, highway engineers & Road safety charities.

Everyone can be a road safety hero. We all have a responsibility to be sensible whilst using roads and pavements to keep ourselves and others safe whilst on our journeys. We can choose safe ways to travel, keep our vehicles road safe and obey road rules whilst travelling at safe speeds.

Follow this link to find out more about Road Safety Week and learn about the different ways to can get involved brake.org.uk/road-safety-week

Parents and carers can help keep young children safe by:

- Holding hands with them when walking to school.
- Crossing roads at safe places.
- Riding with children on safe paths away from traffic.
- Making sure children wear a cycle helmet.
- Making sure a child is sitting in a well-fitted, appropriately sized child seat if travelling by car



Also remember...never use a mobile phone whilst driving, **always** ensure you and your passengers are wearing a seat belt, and **never** drive after drinking or taking drugs.

Road crashes have a devastating effect on families and communities. A recent report from the department for transport claim that more than six children are killed or seriously injured on roads every day in the UK. These tragedies can be avoided if everyone works together to take on their share of responsibilities to keep our roads safe.

This is known as the 'safe system approach'.

Please watch this short video to find out more about how this works.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tijfVzRqWUU> or follow www.brake.org.uk/safesystem

Every death and serious injury on the road is a preventable tragedy.



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