Dear Parent / Guardian

With fireworks season approaching we wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that it is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to be in possession of a firework in a public place.

Please do not buy fireworks for anyone under the age of 18. Doing so potentially endangers children and others in the community.

The latest firework statistics show 990 people were injured by fireworks in the UK. A total of 475 of these injuries were suffered at family or private parties.

The council and police are working together to keep Greenwich safe.

We will not tolerate:

* The sale of fireworks to under 18’s
* Criminal damage of our estates and parks
* Fireworks being let of in public places
* Illegal bonfires in public places such as parks, open land or housing estates

Those caught damaging property, letting off fireworks in a public place or building illegal bonfires could receive:

* Fixed penalty notices and on the spot fines
* Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC’s)
* A bill to repair the cost of damage to council property
* A criminal conviction following arrest for public disorder offences

Help us to keep Greenwich safe. If you see anybody letting off fireworks in a public place; damaging your area or selling fireworks to people under 18, please call us on the police non emergency number 101.

Regards

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Safer Schools Sergeant