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Halloween and Bonfire Night, creeping up on us— what we need to know...

Trick or treating

We hope you all have a good Halloween and Bonfire weekend, but it's important to remember that not everyone enjoys it. If someone is displaying a 'no trick or treat' sign, please respect their wishes and don't knock at their door. If you have elderly neighbours, friends or family, make sure they know they don't have to open the door to anyone they don't know or aren't expecting, to help them feel safe.



Guidance for parents:

- Never let young children go trick or treating on their own and make sure they only visit people known to your family;
- Make sure teenagers understand not to frighten people or use flour or eggs;
- Advise young trick or treaters to stay in a group and never go into the home of someone they don't know.

Bonfire Night

Top tips to celebrate safely

Fireworks can hurt and frighten people or animals - **always follow the firework code;**

- It's safer to go to an organised display;
- If you're aged 18 or over and still want to buy your own fireworks, only buy those marked BS 7114:1988 from a reputable retailer;
- Always supervise children around fireworks and never give sparklers to a child under five.



It's an offence to:

- Sell fireworks to anyone under 18;
- Have fireworks in a public place if you are under 18 ;
- Have fireworks meant for a professional display;
- Let off fireworks after 11pm and before 7am, except on Bonfire Night (allowed up to midnight), New Year's Eve, Diwali and the Chinese New Year (all allowed up to 1am);
- You can also be fined up to £5,000 and imprisoned for up to 6 months for selling or using fireworks illegally. You could also get an on-the-spot fine of £90.

For more information go to www.kent.police.uk

Prevent Training—Tackling Terrorism

Sevenoaks District Council are holding Prevent Training sessions on Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 October at 10am, Council Offices. **This training is free** to all SDC Staff and partner agencies.

Terrorism is a regular occurrence that we read about and see in the news everyday. We may also think, like many others, that “it wouldn’t happen here”.....

Sevenoaks District Council and partners of the Community Safety Partnership have been working hard to raise awareness to businesses, organisations and members of the public on what signs they could look out for and how to report terrorism.

The Community Safety Partnership have also produced a partnership plan for counter terrorism and to educate partners, especially around Prevent.

In fulfilling the duty, Local Authorities, including elected Members and senior officers (together with many of the other specified authorities set out within the Act), will be expected to carry out activity in the following five key areas:

- Partnership Working;
- Risk Assessment and Addressing Local Priorities;
- Action plan Development;
- Staff Training;
- Use of Local Authority Resources.

Sevenoaks District Prevent Action Plan provides a structured programme of work that aims to fulfil our local objectives whilst simultaneously taking on board recommendations made by Government.



If you would like a copy please e-mail community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Kent Police have a dedicated web page where there is a lot of information on spotting signs of terrorism and how to report it:-

Online: You can report it online www.kent.police.uk

Text: If you are deaf or having hearing difficulties, you can use a textphone to call the hotline on 0800 032 4539 (text messages are not accepted).

Call The anti-terrorist hotline on 0800 789321.

To book on the training which last about 90 minutes please e-mail community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk

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