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Dear Sir / Madam

Please be in receipt of the following advice and thank you for your time.

REF: Health & Safety at Work Act 1974
The Firework Regulations 2004
Firework (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2004.

Firework displays should be enjoyable and spectacular occasions and if you are planning your own celebration using fireworks you must make sure it's safe. You need to know your responsibilities so that you do not break the law. The purpose of the letter is to provide you with some straightforward guidance to help you.

If you are holding a local firework display, such as those organised by many sports clubs, schools, or parish councils, you need to carry out a risk assessment or be aware of the risk assessment produced by the company responsible for the display. [If your display is not by professional pyrotechnics, please contact me for more advice.](#)

Below are some links to the internet providing authoritative guidance about how to protect and show consideration to both people and pets from firework dangers.

<https://www.gov.uk/fireworks-the-law>

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/explosives/fireworks/using.htm>

<http://www.eig2.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/WTOFD-Blue-Guide.pdf>

<http://www.eig2.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/GYOFD-Red-Guide.pdf>

<https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety>

<https://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare>

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It is also recommended that you contact your neighbours especially farmers, stables, and dog kennel owners to advise them in advance of your intention to hold a firework display. Older people living alone or in sheltered accommodation may also appreciate advance warning, so the noise does not come as a shock.

Horsham District Council is committed to preserving the historic bonfire tradition and we want your event to be both enjoyable and safe for everyone. In the meantime, should you wish to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me on my above direct line.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. McGale'. The signature is stylized with a large, circular loop for the 'G' and a long, sweeping tail for the 'e'.

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