



## South Tyneside Council

Dear Parents,

As the darker nights approach, in particular the 5<sup>th</sup> of November with fireworks and bonfires, we need to ensure our communities are a safe place to be for everyone.

We recognise for some children and young people there are immense emotional challenges and pressures to engage in risky behaviours which can lead to difficult and sometimes dangerous situations with fireworks and unregulated bonfires.

We urge all parents, carers and young people to work with us to ensure that our communities and estates are a safe place for everyone to enjoy fireworks.

We appreciate the difficulties parents can have with teens in particular and urge them to talk to their children regarding large gatherings and the associated risks around unregulated bonfires and fireworks.

If you are a parent/carers and worried about unregulated bonfires please contact South Tyneside Council on the following numbers:

8am and 4pm : 0191 424 7104

After 4pm , 0191 427 7000

Yours sincerely,

Donald Wade

Community Safety Team

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