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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In the run up to bonfire season, Police Scotland, City of Edinburgh Council, Scottish Fire & Rescue and Lothian Buses are keen to keep everyone safe during the festivities. In previous years we have seen firework-related anti-social behaviour (ASB) and disorder throughout communities, and we are asking for your help to prevent this occurring again. We're therefore offering the following advice:

- It's illegal for adults to buy or supply fireworks to anyone under the age of 18, except category F1 fireworks. Category F1 fireworks include items such as party poppers, novelty crackers and some sparklers
- Do not allow your children or young people to be involved in or accompany anyone who is involved in ASB or disorder.
- Please report any ASB or disorder you are aware of or hear of.
- Dispose of your rubbish appropriately leading up to bonfire weekend and, where possible, please store your bins securely over the Bonfire period.
- Report any large objects that could form part of a bonfire and the Council will request for them to be removed by contacting [www.edinburgh.gov.uk](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk) or Tel 0131 200 2000 if you do not have access to the internet.
- Please report any unauthorised fireworks sellers to Police or Crimestoppers
- Please report any known unauthorised bonfires or firework displays by calling:
  - o Edinburgh Council, 0131 200 2000
  - o Police Scotland, 101
  - o Crimestoppers, 0800 555 111

Unauthorised bonfires and firework displays have resulted in serious harm and injury in the past.

As the city's main transport provider Lothian Buses adopt a zero-tolerance approach to all instances of antisocial behaviour and to ensure the safety of staff and customers will withdraw services if necessary.

Policing of Bonfire night will be robust and we will take immediate action where individuals attempt to prevent or disrupt the work of the emergency services or bus services. Those who choose to get involved in antisocial behaviour or disorder on or around the 5th November may also be subject to prosecution.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and assistance.

Kind regards,

**Police Scotland, City of Edinburgh Council, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and Lothian Buses**

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