

Jacks Do's and Don'ts A Fireworks Story



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Jacks Do's and Don'ts

Dad and Jack were at a firework party.

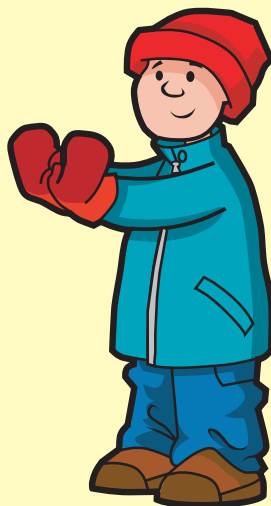
"Look!" shrieked Jack. "I can see a firework that no one's using" and he ran over to pick it up from the grass.

"Stop!" shouted Dad and Jack turned around looking surprised.

"What's the matter? I just want to light my own firework and see the beautiful colours," he said.

"You must never pick up fireworks, whether they've been used or not. They could blow up while you hold them and hurt you very badly", Dad told him.

Jack looked disappointed but knew it made sense. He joined Dad again and they excitedly went to look at the bonfire.



It was getting cold by now and Jack was shivering.

"Let's go and put our hands up against the bonfire to keep warm," suggested Jack, and with that he hurried over to the bonfire.

Once again Dad had to shout to bring Jack back.

"If you stand too close you might burn yourself. Stand here with me. You can still feel the heat but you're not too close for comfort." And the two of them stood together well away from the flames.

"This is great!" laughed Jack as he looked up at the firework display. "Look at those beautiful colours."

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"Now it's your turn to make some sparkly colours," said Dad and got out some sparklers. Jack started jumping up and down in excitement. He could barely contain himself.

"Give it to me! Give it to me! I'll light it!" and he tried to get the matches out of Dad's pocket.

"No, you must never light your own sparkler. You could get badly burned if you play with matches. They're more dangerous than you realise."

"Oh, OK" said Jack, disappointed, but he soon cheered up when Dad handed him a glistening sparkler to make patterns with.

After lots more fireworks, a packet full of sparklers, and a big juicy hot dog it was time to go home.



Jack was sad to be leaving the fun, but as they walked back he spotted some big children making their own firework display. Once again he left Dad and ran over to the children. Some of them were throwing fireworks onto the grass and listening to them making a loud bang!

"Can I have a go?" he asked the children. Luckily Dad got there before they could answer. He reminded the children that they shouldn't be playing with fireworks and told them about the firework display they had just been to.

"Why don't you go and have a look? They're still letting off the most beautiful fireworks. It's much safer to watch them than to let off your own," suggested Dad.

Jack happily skipped home, with Dad following on behind.

"What a wonderful evening", he smiled as he got into bed. Guess what he dreamed about that night?



Follow the Clues to Firework Safety...

1. Never play with fireworks. They are explosives and can hurt you.

2. Only adults should light or hold fireworks.

3. When you are watching fireworks, stand well back.

4. Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode.

5. Fireworks will frighten your pets, so keep them safely indoors.

6. If you are given a sparkler:

Always wear gloves. **Hold** it at arm's length.

When your sparkler goes out, **DON'T TOUCH IT.** It could still burn you, so put it hot end down in a bucket of water.

Never give sparklers to a child under five.

Remember, you have to be **18** years old before you are allowed to buy fireworks in the shops.

Fireworks are explosives

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