

**Kent Fire and Rescue Service guidance  
Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons 2012**

**Kent Fire & Rescue Service is in full support of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons celebration. We look forward to seeing people enjoying themselves safely at events throughout Kent and offer the following guidance for those who are planning any event to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee:**

The Diamond Jubilee Beacons celebration is being co-ordinated by the Government. Further information is available from their website at:

[www.diamondjubileebeacons.co.uk/Diamond\\_Jubilee\\_Beacons/HOME.html](http://www.diamondjubileebeacons.co.uk/Diamond_Jubilee_Beacons/HOME.html)

There is specific advice about planning and running a beacon event, this available at:

[www.diamondjubileebeacons.co.uk/Diamond\\_Jubilee\\_Beacons/DOWNLOAD.html](http://www.diamondjubileebeacons.co.uk/Diamond_Jubilee_Beacons/DOWNLOAD.html)

**If you are organising a public event you should:**

- Contact your council to see if a license is required and get advice about this.
- Make sure that the event is planned to run safely, without the need for a fire engine at the site.
- Complete a risk assessment before the event and reduce any risks you identify.

**If you are planning a bonfire, follow these safety tips:**

- Never use flammable liquids to start a bonfire or burn items such as aerosol cans, paint tins, foam furniture or batteries.
- Build your bonfire well clear of buildings, sheds, fences, hedges and overhanging branches.
- Keep bonfires to a manageable size and evenly built so they collapse inwards as they burn.
- Always check the bonfire's construction is safe prior to lighting it, that there are no children or animals inside and that no hazardous items have been thrown onto it.
- Bonfires should be lit after the firework display unless positioned sufficiently far away to ensure stray sparks from the bonfire cannot fall into the firework area.
- An adult should supervise the bonfire until it has burnt out. If it has to be left, damp it down with water.
- Keep a bucket of water or hosepipe nearby in case of emergency.

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