

RETAIL SALE OF FIREWORKS

November, Guy Fawkes day and fireworks will be with us again shortly. The Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 and its Regulations provide specific conditions for the sale of fireworks and guidelines for their display and storage at point of sale. These guidelines are listed below:

1. The fireworks are to be displayed or stored in tinfoil bags or covered by glass so that the fireworks are protected from sources of ignition.
2. Fireworks are not to be displayed or stored in any position where they may be subject to direct sunlight.
3. Fireworks may be sold as from 27 October 2002, but all sales must cease as from midnight 5 November 2002 onwards.
4. Fireworks may only be sold to persons who are 14 years of age and over.
5. If these provisions are not met the fireworks are liable to seizure by an Inspector appointed under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996.

It would be appreciated if due care is taken to ensure an accident-free Guy Fawkes period.

Should you have any further enquiries or wish to dispose of old fireworks, please contact the Hazardous Substances Officer at the Christchurch City Council, Environmental Services Unit (telephone 941-8675).

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