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High Rise/Letters/ResidentBalconySafetyOct19

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Dear Resident,

### **Treacle Campaign & Balcony Safety**

As part of our annual Treacle Campaign, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS) is writing to residents of high rise flats with basic information about how you can stay safe over the bonfire period.

The Treacle partnership brings together key organisations across Greater Manchester to work together to prevent harm, protect our communities and tackle anti-social behavior and criminal damage during the Bonfire period. You can find out more about the Treacle campaign by visiting [www.safe4autumn.com](http://www.safe4autumn.com)

As a resident of a High Rise premises in Greater Manchester we are asking for your assistance in keeping the community safe by:

- Only attending organised bonfires / firework events
- Never setting off fireworks from your balcony or from within the communal areas of your flats
- Reporting unofficial bonfires on public land
- Ensure refuse is disposed of responsibly
- Calling us to safely dispose of unwanted fireworks

To report unofficial bonfires on public land you can contact your local Council.

Living in a high rise building may offer you a fantastic view of fireworks from the comfort of your own home or balcony. If you intend to watch from your balcony, then please follow our general balcony safety advice:

- Do not use BBQs under any circumstances
- Do not use chimineas, fire pits or any other form of open fire on your balcony
- Never store flammable materials like gas on your balcony



- Reduce clutter and try and keep items on the balcony to a minimum
- If you smoke make sure you stub cigarettes out and NEVER flick them off your balcony

If you have fireworks that you no longer want GMFRS can collect them free of charge and arrange for their safe destruction, just call us on **0800 555 815**.

If you notice another resident in your block not following this fire safety advice in the first instance please contact your landlord or the managing agent for the building. If you still have concerns let us know by emailing [highrise@manchesterfire.gov.uk](mailto:highrise@manchesterfire.gov.uk) detailing your concerns.

Yours faithfully,



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