

Lesson Plan – Bonfire, Firework and Anti-Social Behaviour Education for Secondary School (Assembly Purposes)

Session Summary

To introduce the audience to key messages which include advice on staying safe around bonfire night, firework events and Halloween.

Objectives

1. To be able to highlight the dangers of fireworks and bonfires.
2. To know and understand how to stay safe when out and about during the bonfire and Halloween period.
3. To know the consequences of anti-social behaviour.
4. To know what to do if clothing catches fire.

Delivery Guide


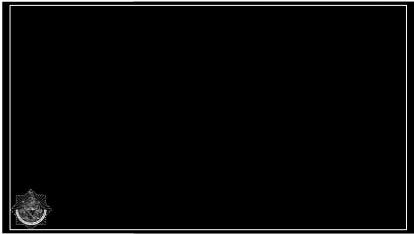

The “Bonfire Safety” video is a drama based on an actual incident that occurred over the bonfire and Halloween period. The aim of the video is to demonstrate numerous dangers during this period and promote areas of concern. It also covers key safety messages and areas of best practice.

It should be emphasised to the audience prior to the video being played that this is a drama, no persons are actually hurt and that special effects and make up are used to replicate burns.

The storyline shows two separate groups of youths, one aged around 14 and the older group are around 16 years of age.



Lesson Plan

Presentation sections	Guidance notes
 <p>Slide 1</p> <p>30 seconds</p>	<p>This section is to provide the audience with an introduction on what will be discussed during the session -</p> <p>We will talk about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The dangers of bonfires and fireworks. ➤ How to stay safe during the bonfire and Halloween period. ➤ Stop, drop and roll in case your clothes catch fire. ➤ What anti-social behaviour is including deliberate fires, hoax calls and attacks on firefighters. ➤ The law and consequences of anti-social behaviour.
 <p>Slide 2</p> <p>6 minutes</p>	<p>Bonfire Safety Video</p> <p>To play the video: Hover over the black box image and a play bar will appear. Click the play button.</p> <p>**Prior to starting the video inform the children that they should watch and listen carefully**</p> <p>The video is a drama based on an actual incident that occurred over the bonfire and Halloween period. The aim of the video is to demonstrate numerous dangers during this period and promote areas of concern.</p> <p>The storyline shows two separate groups of youths, one aged around 14 and the older group are around 16 years of age.</p> <p><i>Transcript available at the end of the lesson plan</i></p>
 <p>Slide 3</p> <p>1 minute</p>	<p>Go through the bullet points on the slide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Remember fireworks are explosives and injure people every year. Lots of people injured by fireworks are children aged 14 years and younger, the same age as you and your friends. Many of the injuries take place at home in gardens. ➤ Both bonfires and fireworks reach extremely hot temperatures (they can burn up to 2,000 degrees, that is 8 times hotter than your ovens at home). ➤ It only takes a second for fireworks to burn into skin.

- Bonfires can easily get out of control and be difficult to put out.
- Both bonfire and firework incidents can result in life changing injuries as seen in the video. The injuries Danny sustained can take months and years of hospital treatment. The injuries were on parts of the body that are exposed, such as his face. Serious burns can leave lasting scars. Danny’s type of injury could impact his vision. We don’t want this to be you.

Organised public displays are safer and have more spectacular displays. As shown on the video the young people went out on bonfire night rather than going to an organised event and it led to the unfortunate event involving one of the young people getting seriously injured.

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service’s advice is to **attend an organised event**, but if you are going to have fireworks and bonfires in the garden here is some safety advice for you and your adults to follow, please listen carefully.

Bonfire and Firework Safety
Please always follow the firework code!

Only adults should light bonfires and fireworks

Stand well back when watching bonfires and fireworks

Keep a few buckets of water nearby

Never return to a firework once it has been lit

Never throw fireworks or aerosols into a bonfire

Check that no animals are hiding in the bonfire before lighting

Keep pets indoors

Never put fireworks in pockets and never throw them


Slide 4

2 minutes

Explain that there are lots of ways to keep safe during the bonfire and Halloween period.

Please always follow the firework code:

- Only adults (18+) should light bonfires and fireworks.
- Stand well back when watching bonfires and fireworks (e.g. 5m - a car’s length away - from bonfires for your own safety and to avoid injuries).
- Always keep a few buckets of water and/or a hose pipe nearby.
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
- Never throw fireworks or aerosols into a bonfire.
 - Aerosol cans contain liquid made up of different chemicals. If the aerosol comes into contact with a fire then it will heat the liquid in the can, causing it to expand and then in some cases, explode. An exploding aerosol is unpredictable; you won’t know which direction it will go and can travel for some distance, injuring anyone in its path.
- Check that no animals are hiding in the bonfire before lighting it.
- Keep pets indoors (fireworks particularly can be frightening and distressing for animals).
- Never put fireworks in pockets and never throw them.

	<p>Direct audience to take these messages home to their adults and ask their adults to read and follow the firework code on our website.</p> <p>Remind the audience what to do if their clothes catch fire:</p> <p>STOP - stop what you're doing and stay very still. DROP - drop to the floor. ROLL - roll backwards and forwards until the flames are out.</p> <p>First aid advice for burns:</p> <p>COOL - cool the burn with running cold tap water for 20 minutes. COVER - cover with cling film or a sterile, non-fluffy dressing or cloth. CALL - call for help for any burn larger than a 50p coin: 999 or 111.</p> <p>Other things to think about:</p> <p>Never wear Halloween outfits around fireworks, bonfires or other naked flames as the materials might be more likely to catch fire. Only buy Halloween outfits with a CE mark on them as these are safer.</p> <p>If you are going trick or treating never go alone, only trick or treat at houses that are decorated, cross the roads safely and make sure you are seen by wearing brightly coloured clothing or reflective tape.</p>
 <p>Slide 5</p> <p>1 minute</p>	<p>Explain to the audience what anti-social behaviour is by going through the slide.</p> <p>Anti-social behaviour is behaviour which causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to another person'.</p> <p>This can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Deliberate fire setting – such as wheelie bin or skip fires – People have no idea what is already in that bin, it could contain things which are lethal if set alight e.g. chemicals. There are also harmful chemicals in the plastic of the bin itself if set alight, which is bad for the environment. Wheelie bin fires can spread to nearby buildings, which puts people and property at risk. ➤ Hoax calls – a telephone call made to trick or deceive someone e.g. making a call to the emergency services when it is not a real emergency. ➤ Attacks on firefighters. ➤ Causing noise and nuisance in a public place. ➤ Drinking alcohol on the streets.



Slide 6

1 minute

Go through the law slide:

Remember it is against the law to:

- Deliberately start fires.
- Buy or own fireworks under the age of 18.
- Set off or throw fireworks in a public place.
- Set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am, except on Bonfire Night, New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year.
- Attack emergency service workers.

Danny experiences peer pressure to make him stay with the bonfire when the aerosol is thrown in. Don't be pressured by others to do anything you are not comfortable with – walk away and inform an adult.

Explain to the audience that we will shortly be going through the consequences if someone was to take part in anti-social behaviour.



Slide 7





1 minute


Play the google earth video on the slide by hovering over it and clicking the play button. *This is just an example and not based on a real incident.*

While the video is playing, explain to the audience what is happening: Whilst firefighters are at their station they receive a call out for an incident. It's actually a hoax call, but they are not aware of this until they arrive and there's no fire. Whilst attending the hoax call they receive another call to a different address, which is a real fire. This means they have a longer distance to travel to reach the actual fire, which puts people's lives at risk.

Ultimately we can't be in two places at once. This is the same if anyone makes a hoax call to the emergency services. You may not realise that:

- All 999 hoax calls are traced and recorded.
- Hoax call and anti-social behaviour information is given to the police for further action.
- Firefighters can risk their lives attending every incident, including hoax calls.
- When our firefighters are attending a hoax call, they cannot be at a real emergency – 'next time it could be your family who need our help', so think before making a hoax call.

<div> <p>Attacks on Firefighters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attacks on Firefighters can include verbal or physical abuse, objects being thrown at a person or fire engine • This sadly happens more during the Halloween and Bonfire season • Every fire engine has CCTV which films everything that happens • It is never acceptable to attack Firefighters, they are there to help you and keep everyone safe   </div> <p>Slide 8</p> <p>1 minute</p>	<p>Attacks on firefighters and fire appliances (this is a type of anti-social behaviour).</p> <p>This could include verbal or physical abuse, objects being thrown at a person or fire appliance. The Emergency Services Workers (obstruction) Act 2006, the Crime and Disorder Act and Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Act 2018, all cover offences from hindering emergency workers to causing harm to a worker or criminal damage to equipment i.e. fire engine. This sadly happens more during the Halloween and Bonfire season. Every fire engine has CCTV which films everything that happens.</p> <p>A fire appliance was hit in the film – this meant that the fire engine was taken off the run (no longer in service).</p> <p>Firefighters could have been hit by an object (attacks on firefighters).</p> <p>It is never acceptable to attack firefighters, they are there to help you and keep everyone safe and this is the same for any other emergency service workers.</p>
<div> <p>Consequences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliberately starting fires or making a hoax call could receive a large fine or 6 months in prison • You can face up to two years in prison for attacking firefighters • If you put someone's life in danger by starting a fire, you could be sentenced to life in prison • We work closely with the police and will press charges against any anti-social behaviour   </div> <p>Slide 9</p> <p>1 minute</p>	<p>Anti-social behaviour is serious and could impact your future. If you end up with a criminal record it will limit your career and employment prospects and some countries won't allow you to visit if you have a criminal record.</p> <p>The consequences are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Deliberately starting fires or making a hoax call could receive a large fine or 6 months in prison. ➤ You can face up to two years in prison for attacking firefighters. ➤ If you put someone's life in danger by starting a fire, you could be sentenced to life in prison. ➤ We work closely with the police and will press charges against any anti-social behaviour. ➤ Our Fire Investigation Team are dedicated to finding those who deliberately start fires. <p>Always think about the consequences of your actions.</p>
	<p>Never put yourselves in situations that may be dangerous. Think about the consequences of what could happen and how you and others may be affected.</p>

 <p>Slide 10</p> <p>30 seconds</p>	<p>Encourage learners to have a safe time during Halloween and Bonfire season.</p> <p>Please attend an organised event!</p> <p>Direct the audience to the website more information www.safe4autumn.com</p> <p>Thank the audience for listening.</p>
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Total Time: 15 minutes

Presenter to inform teachers of our Bury Safety Centre training site, if they are not already aware. To find out more and to book a visit share the website for Bury Safety Centre: <https://safetycentre.manchesterfire.gov.uk/>

Programme of Study for PSHE Education:

Managing risk and personal safety and Social influences section.

- KS3 Social influences: R45. about the factors that contribute to young people joining gangs; the social, legal and physical consequences of gang behaviours
- KS4 Managing risk and personal safety: H23. strategies for identifying risky and emergency situations, including online; ways to manage these and get

Slide 2. Bonfire Safety Video

Transcript

[Sound effect of heart beating]

[Title screen appears showing '5th November, 11pm, Danny Jones, Age 14'. Then fades to scene with a young boy laid in a hospital bed with burns on his face.]

What's going on?

[Shot zooms out to show hospital staff working around the boy.]

Okay Danny, my name's Dave I'm one of the doctors here and I'm going to be looking after you. I don't want you to worry. What we're going to do is we're just going to put an oxygen mask on. I'm going to cut this jumper off and attach some leads. Okay, and then we're going to give you something for the pain.

Okay this might feel a little cool on your skin Danny. Don't be worried. Pop this mask over your face Danny, keep it nice and cool.

[Mask put over Danny's face and screen fades to white.]

What happened?

[Rewinding sound]

[Sped up images of Danny in hospital bed, showing in reverse him coming into the hospital and then an explosion in front of a bonfire.]

[Sound of explosion]

[Scene with Danny speaking to his Mum at the front door, as he walks away with his friends.]

See you later Mum. Bye love, be careful.

I will.

[Scene moves into the house with Danny's Mum and his sister.]

Mum why doesn't he want to come to the park with us and watch the fireworks?

He's a big lad now Liv, he's at that age where he wants to be with his friends. He's sensible and they are a good bunch. Don't worry, you'll have a good time too.

[Scene of Danny and his friends walking, in the dark, through a park area, onto a street where there's a bin on fire. Cuts between shots of an older group of teenagers huddled at the top of a staircase on the outside of a building, with their faces covered and Danny and his friends.]

[Sound of fire crackling and inaudible talking]

[Sound of sirens]

Quick, get down.

[Danny shakes his head at the group of older teenagers.]

Let's go.

[Fire engine turns into the street.]

[Sound of vehicle]

Go on lad, get them now.

[Group of older teenagers light a firework, then the scene cuts to Danny and his friends walking away when they hear the explosion and turn around.]

[Sound of firework exploding]

[Cuts to group of older teenagers crouched down, laughing.]

What's going on there?

[Danny and his friends walk back towards the fire engine, walking past a firefighter holding a radio in the fire engine.]

[Beep from a two-way radio, inaudible talking]

Appliance has been hit by a firework. Windscreen has been damaged and is now unable to proceed to incident. Request another appliance to be dispatched.

[Danny and his friends continue to walk next to the fire engine, passing a firefighter talking to two police officers.]

[Inaudible talking] lads only 16 or 17, only caught a glance of them.

Just because it's November the 5th, some of them think they can do what they want. But guess what, they can't. The CCTV round here is fantastic, we'll catch them.

[Scene cuts to Danny and his friends walking away.]

That's really stupid that, they could have been on the way to save someone's life. I know, yeah.

Anyway, let's go to the park. We can cut through the woods.

[Scene moves to Danny and his friends walking, in the dark, through a park area. There is another group of older teenagers in the park, with their faces covered, hanging around a bonfire.]

Here, lad. Lad.

Come here a minute lad.

[One of the older teenagers walks up to Danny, encouraging him to stay close to the bonfire.]

Come here lad, don't worry about it.

[Dramatic music building up]

[The older teenager throws an aerosol onto the bonfire, which then explodes, throwing Danny backwards.]

[Sound of explosion]

[Scene cuts to Danny's friends running towards him, then making a phone call.]

Quick phone an ambulance.

Ambulance, quick.

[Sound of a big gasp]

[Scene cuts to point of view of Danny, laid on his back in an ambulance, looking up at an ambulance staff member.]

You okay Danny? We'll be there soon.

[Dramatic music]

[Scene cuts to ambulance staff member wheeling Danny into the hospital on a stretcher bed and into a room full of hospital staff.]

One, two, three, slide.

Okay Danny, you're in the hospital now. You're safe. Okay Danny, you're just going up a little bit. Let's switch him over onto the oxygen.

Danny I'm just going to cut your top off, okay, and have a little look at you and see if you've got any burns on your chest.

[Beeping noise]

[Scene cuts to Danny laid in the hospital bed, speaking to his Mum at the side of him.]

They've said you're going to need skin grafts. It's really going to help with the scarring.

I just wish it never happened.

It's okay love.

[Dramatic music]

[Scene cuts to white background with the text – You have been watching a drama. However everything that happened took place in real life on Merseyside.]

[On screen shows the text: The message is simple. Fires and fireworks are dangerous. Wheelie bins contain dangerous items which can explode. Firework misuse is illegal and you risk serious injury. Attacks against emergency and public services carry severe penalties – you will be caught. Aerosols and their contents can kill. After a year of operations, skin grafts, pain and suffering Danny was told he was lucky. Why would you risk serious injury? Or even death.]

[Closing shots show the text 'with kind permission from Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service www.merseyfire.gov.uk. Have a safe and enjoyable Halloween and Bonfire Night. Please attend an organised event.]

End of transcript