



## ENFORCING AUTHORITY POWERS

There are laws in place to protect communities from the misuse of fireworks. These are powers for the Police, Trading Standards and the Fire Service to help tackle problems in their communities. Breaking the law by committing any of the following offences carries a £5,000 fine or six months in prison, or both:

### **POLICE enforce**

- ✳ Possession of Cat 4's (professional fireworks)
- ✳ Possession by under 18's
- ✳ Selling in the street/car boot sales (hawking)
- ✳ Misuse in public places
- ✳ Use during curfew hours (11pm to 7am)

5 November: 12 midnight

Diwali: 1am

New Year's Eve: 1am

Chinese New Year: 1am

### **LOCAL TRADING STANDARDS enforce**

- ✳ Sale of adult fireworks to persons under 18 years of age
- ✳ Excessively loud fireworks
- ✳ Illegal fireworks (fireworks not marked CE)
- ✳ Prohibited fireworks
- ✳ Sales signage (under 18's)

### **FIRE SERVICE enforce**

- ✳ Sales outside the defined periods
- ✳ Storage without a licence
- ✳ Requirements for suppliers to keep records
- ✳ Separation distances