

Halloween hazards and fireworks

Top tips for keeping your cat safe from the hazards of Halloween and Bonfire Night



Halloween

- Keep glow sticks away from cats as they can easily chew through them and ingest the oily fluorescent liquid inside, which can cause the cat to foam at the mouth.
- If your cat does swallow some of the liquid, immediately feed them small quantities of highly palatable food. Cats should normally recover within a few minutes but keep an eye on them and, if you are worried, seek veterinary advice.
- Keep candles out of the way to avoid singed whiskers and burnt paws. Electric or battery-operated candles can be safer alternatives.



Bonfire and Fireworks Night

- Keep cats safe from fireworks by ensuring they are safely inside before dark.
- For advice on shutting in a cat that isn't used to being kept in, visit www.icatcare.org/advice/keeping-cats-safe/fireworks-halloween.
- Provide your cat with plenty of safe hiding places to retreat to.
- Treat your cat normally – extra fuss or attention can make them feel that something is wrong.
- Avoid using sparklers indoors as they can scare a nervous cat.
- If using sparklers outdoors, ensure they are kept away from animals and children and that they are safely disposed of.
- Check bonfires before lighting as they make good hiding places for cats and other small animals.

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