

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Stay safe for Halloween and Guy Fawkes Night

#### Summary

With Halloween and Guy Fawkes (or Bonfire) Night approaching, Nanaimo Fire Rescue has a couple of reminders to ensure each night is safe for everyone. Those planning a bonfire for Halloween on October 31, 2019 and/or for Guy Fawkes Night on November 5, 2019 must first obtain a bonfire permit for each event. In addition, the sale, possession and discharge of fireworks is strictly prohibited within the City of Nanaimo.

The regulations for bonfires and application forms can be found on [www.nanaimo.ca](http://www.nanaimo.ca). The forms may be submitted in person to Service and Resource Centre building at 411 Dunsmuir Street and the \$50.00 fee paid for each permit can only be paid in person. The deadline for submission is 12:00 pm on Thursday, October 31 for Halloween and 12:00 pm on Tuesday November 5 for Guy Fawkes Night. Fees for these one-time-only special event permits have to be paid prior to issuing a valid permit.

*Strategic Link:* The City of Nanaimo is committed to Public Safety.

#### Key Points

- A Special Event Bonfire Permit is required for Halloween on October 31 and/or Guy Fawkes on November 5. Fees are \$50.00 each, and can only be paid at the Service and Resource Centre building. Permits must be submitted by noon October 31 and noon November 5.
- The sale, transportation and discharging of fireworks within the City of Nanaimo is strictly prohibited, and subject to fines.
- Keep your kids safe by ensuring they can see out of their masks and carry a flashlight or glow stick.
- Residents are reminded to change batteries in your working smoke alarm on November 3rd 2019 as the clocks turn back one hour.

#### Quotes

"If you plan on taking part in Halloween festivities, please stay safe and ensure you have the proper permits in place. We would also like to remind everyone that Halloween is a fun, and spooky time of year for kids. If children are wearing a mask, make sure they can see, give children a flashlight or glow stick so they can also be seen."

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