

Flying Chinese Lanterns

Due to the potential for unsafe use and unwanted fires, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service does not recommend the use of 'Flying/Chinese Lanterns'.

However, if you choose to use these items you must take full responsibility and follow the supplier's safety guidelines.

Flying/Chinese Lantern Safety:

- Used properly, these items should be safe, yet full responsibility is borne by the user of the lanterns.
- Unsuitable for use by children under 16 years of age.
- Must not be used under the influence of alcohol.
- Use only in very calm wind conditions.
- Product should not be used when wind speed is above 5 mph.
- Must not be used within 5 miles of airports.
- Do not use in the vicinity of dry crops, thatched roofs or other materials that may catch fire.
- Keep a fire extinguisher or bucket of water nearby.
- If the lantern's paper does catch fire, extinguish and discard.



- Only use in open spaces.
- It is safer and easier for two people to launch one lantern at a time.

If you are near the coast, we recommend that you notify local coast guard or lifeboat services that you will be launching flying lanterns. Sky lanterns floating out to sea have sometimes been mistaken for flares fired by ships in distress.

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