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Are you organising or having a fireworks display to celebrate the New Year?

Please remember that horses, as well as other animals, may become scared when fireworks are set off.

No matter the size of the fireworks display – please advise all local owners and livery yards if you are planning a display as soon as possible, letting them know the date and time of when the fireworks will be set off and when you expect the display to finish, so that they can prepare and reduce the risk of their horse and themselves sustaining a potentially fatal injury.

Frightened horses often run in panic – this could be straight through a fence, over a gate or into a ditch and could result in life-threatening injury.

A frightened horse can be very dangerous to handle, putting their owner at serious risk if they are trying to catch or handle their horse whilst a display is going on. This is more likely to happen if owners are not given prior warning so they can take appropriate steps beforehand.

