



Fireworks checklist



Remember, remember to keep your horse happy on 5th November

Fireworks Night can be a scary time for horses. Follow our checklist to reduce your horse's stress levels and keep him safe

- ① Find out about fireworks displays planned in your local area.
- ① Keep to your usual management routine unless there are real benefits to changing it, such as moving your horse away from a planned fireworks display.
- ① Keep friends together. Your horse will cope better with his pals around.
- ① If you have a new horse, or your horse is in a new environment, monitor him closely to get an idea of how he is affected.
- ① If you can't stay with your horse to monitor his behaviour, line up a trusted and knowledgeable friend to help, and make sure you're contactable in the event of an emergency.
- ① Give your horse something to distract him, such as a little extra hay or a treat ball. For a stabled horse you could try a mirror in his stable – but introduce this before fireworks season starts, to make sure he's happy with it.
- ① Leave a radio or relaxing music playing, to mask the noise from fireworks and spectators.
- ① Double-check potential hazards such as fencing and gates to make sure the risks to a spooked horse are minimised.
- ① Don't plan any rides, evening hacks or schooling. Keep yourself as safe as your horse!
- ① Have a fire extinguisher close at hand in case of any stray fireworks.
- ① Don't forget to check your paddock or yard for old fireworks after the event.



Keep an eye on your horse's behaviour



Give stabled horses some extra distraction