



FIGHT FOR SIGHT

Fight for Sight is the country's leading charity in the battle against blindness, funding first class research into the prevention of blindness and the treatment of eye disease. Most of our researchers are based at the Institute of Ophthalmology, research partner to the world famous Moorfields Eye Hospital.

"Eye injuries from fireworks commonly cause damage to the cornea resulting in ocular surface burns, penetrating injuries with chronic inflammation and an increase risk of cataract and retinal detachment. These injuries can cause temporary loss of vision and may lead to a permanent reduction or loss of sight. Once an eye has been injured, causing a partial or total loss of vision, it is rare to recover to the same level of vision as before the accident.

"Therefore prevention is critical and following the Fireworks Safety Code essential. In the event of an eye injury seek immediate professional medical attention." – Miss Linda Ficker, Head of Cornea Services, Moorfields Eye Hospital.

"Over 372 people were left with eye injuries after last year's firework season. Please don't be blind to the dangers of firework" - Mr Simon Well, Chairman, Fight for Sight.

Fight for Sight can be contacted with regard to the DTI's Firework Safety Campaign. They will be happy to discuss the charity's eye safety message and the work of the charity.

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