



Release Instructions

The most important point to remember when releasing your lanterns is to have fun and be safe!

Please follow the release instructions below to enjoy your lanterns fully.

- ★ A minimum of two Adults are required to light a lantern
- ★ Take out the folded sky lanterns carefully from the plastic wrapping, being very careful not to tear or rip the delicate paper.
- ★ Before lighting the lantern, hold it by the bamboo rim and gently fill the lantern with air to expand it fully and remove the creases in the tissue paper.
- ★ To light the lantern, hold it by the top and the bamboo rim whilst another person lights the wick by holding a naked flame against it for a few seconds.

**TAKE CARE - BEFORE THE LANTERN IS LAUNCHED
THE NAKED FLAME MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES!**

- ★ The lantern will fill with hot air from the lit touch paper and be ready to be released within approximately 30 seconds
- ★ Hold the lantern by the bamboo rim until the lantern is full of hot air and is ready to float gently into the sky. Do not release it prematurely as the lantern will fall to the ground.





Safety Instructions

A major benefit of releasing your own lanterns, rather than lighting fireworks, is that they are far safer. To make sure you stay safe whilst enjoying them, please follow these safety instructions.

- ★ **Familiarise yourself with the lanterns before lighting and launching them. Please refer to the release instructions for more information.**
- ★ **Do not launch in wind conditions that make lighting the lantern difficult. In any case ensure that the wind is not stronger than 5 mph (please refer to a weather forecast for approximate wind speeds in your area such as www.bbc.co.uk/weather).**
- ★ **Before the lantern is launched, the naked flame must be supervised at all times.**
- ★ **Launching a lantern in strong winds, that is torn or has burn holes in may cause premature landing and fire at the point of grounding.**
- ★ **Check the wind direction prior to releasing the lanterns – obstacles such as buildings and trees should not be in the direct flight path of the lantern and must be at least 30 metres away.**
- ★ **Do not release lanterns within a five mile radius of an operational airport or landing strip or within two miles of a major road or motorway.**
- ★ **Do not release the lanterns in an area where the glow could be confused as a distress signal.**
- ★ **Prior to use, all lanterns should be kept in a dry, secure place away from children. Ensure that all children are kept under supervision and away from the source of ignition during the release.**
- ★ **Always ensure that any naked flames are supervised and never left unattended. Make sure you have water and / or fire extinguishers at hand.**
- ★ **Do not light and release the lanterns wearing flammable clothing in case the flame from the wick ignites the clothing. For additional safety, protective gloves can be worn.**
- ★ **Launching sky lanterns in inappropriate surroundings or weather conditions or after they have been damaged may cause fires. It could make you liable to criminal charges or civil claims for damages.**

Enjoy yourself and be safe!