

## Simple Rules for PARS Events



Flying rockets is safe if simple precautions are taken. Another way of putting this is that flying rockets is dangerous if simple precautions are not taken. That's why every rocket event has rules. PARS have rules. UKRA (UK Rocketry Association) has rules. EARS (East Anglian Rocketry Society) have rules. CROCK (Canterbury Rockets) has rules. Everyone has rules. **Rules are there to keep you safe.**

Remember: Rockets are not toys and should be treated seriously. A rocket event is not a playground, but flying rockets is a lot of fun.

### **FOURTEEN RULES TO KEEP YOU SAFE AT ROCKET EVENTS**

Rule 1: When you are at an event, abide by the rules of the event.

Rule 2: Read the rules. Obey the rules.

Rule 3: The event safety officer (RSO) must always be obeyed, instantly.

Rule 4: Do not touch rocket motors until told to.

Rule 5: Do not touch a rocket when it is armed: To do so would be grossly irresponsible and could lead to a serious injury.

Rule 6: Obey all instructions during count down.

Rule 7: Never shout the word "Fire" - the correct word is "Ignition".

Rule 8: Do not move during the launch sequence, stay back at observation post.

Rule 9: Do not approach a rocket that failed to launch or misfired.

Rule 10: Do not chase after a rocket during flight.

Rule 11: Keep your eye on the rocket as it ascends and descends.

Rule 12: If "Heads up" is announced, the rocket may be falling back into the spectator area. Keep your eye on the rocket at all times in order to be able to move out of the way if required.

Rule 13: Running towards a rocket or launch pad can lead to injury and must not be done.

Rule 14: Do not approach a rocket on the ground after flight if one of the ejection charges is suspected as not firing.

If there is anything in the rules below that you don't understand, ask an adult and find out what the rules mean.