

Safe Marine Flare Disposal (pyrotechnics)

Even after marine distress flares have time-expired, or have become redundant, they can still pose a serious risk to safety and the environment and must be disposed of properly.



Do:

Go to **gov.uk/guidance/disposing-of-unwanted-marine-flares** for a link to all current disposal services and more information.

Check with the place you bought them, as they may offer a 'take back' scheme.

Ask at marinas or life raft service stations about disposal services.



Do NOT:

Turn up at HM Coastguard premises to dispose of unwanted or expired flares.

Put flares in household rubbish or general waste bins.

Leave flares unattended or left to be discovered.