

# Hibs remind fans about zero tolerance policy on use of pyrotechnics



Hibs have issued a statement reminding supporters about a zero tolerance policy with regards to the carrying and use of pyrotechnics at matches.

The statement, published on the club website reads: “The use of pyrotechnics, including smoke bombs and flares, within football stadiums is extremely dangerous and is a serious offence.

“Any supporter identified to have committed such an act will be banned by Hibernian, and also face the possibility of a football banning order and criminal prosecution.

“Hibernian will continue to work closely with Scottish Police, security and the football authorities to eradicate this behaviour at our matches.”

Chief Executive Leeann Dempster said: “The backing that we have had from the fans this season has been terrific. Our average gates are the fourth highest in the country and the fans have also responded to Neil’s call earlier in the season for a more vocal backing.

“The Hibernian support deserves massive praise and our appreciation for that. We want all supporters to enjoy coming to games, we want a great atmosphere and we want the fans to go home happy. However we all need to do this in a safe and considerate manner.

“The club are already investigating several incidents involving pyrotechnics and pitch incursions at the recent

Edinburgh Derby, and will be doing so again after Saturday's win over Ayr United.

"We ask that supporters enjoy the exciting run in to the end of the season and support the club in our efforts to win the league and retain the Scottish Cup without resorting to unacceptable behaviours that can lead to the club and the individual facing charges."

Robbie McGregor, Hibernian Football Safety Officer, said: "Pyrotechnic articles operate at very high temperatures, well above 600 degrees and can operate in excess of 1500 degrees in the case of flares.

"Invisible particles from pyrotechnic articles can have both acute and chronic effects detrimental to human health and contrary to some opinions they are not harmless.

"One pyrotechnic was thrown from the upper section of the East Stand yesterday, over the heads of hundreds of fans, just reaching the pitch. There should be no debate that this behaviour is extremely dangerous.

"Supporters are also reminded of their responsibilities in not entering the field of play before, during or after the match."