

## **Beginners guide to a LUMO PARTY**

Glow-in-the-dark parties (or lumo parties) are one of the simplest and most cost effective party themes. They leave unforgettable memories and, unlike many party themes, are suitable for all age groups (4yrs to 80 yrs).

### **There are four types of glow effects:**

- Paints that glow under UV light. These glow immediately when near any UV light.
- Paints that glow in the dark. These get activated by light and then glow in the dark without UV. (We usually recommend a single UV light to activate the paints.)
- Glow Sticks and Glow Accessories. These generate a chemical glow and can be only be used once.
- LED items utilize battery power to generate light effects.

### **Glow Paint or Glow Sticks and Accessories?**

Glow Paints allows for far greater creativity and guest involvement and are the most vital ingredient to any lumo party. Glow Accessories can be used to give additional effects, especially if you don't have any UV lighting.

### **Body Glow Paints or Permanent Glow Paints?**

Definitely Body Paints for parties. Use Permanent Glow Paints if you want to create glow-in-dark or UV-glow décor prior to the event.

Don't give guests access to both at the same time (our paints are clearly labelled but mistakes happen).

### **Are UV lights required?**

UV lights are not very expensive. The party DJ may have UV lighting. We sell UV light bulbs (normal fittings) and UV fluorescent tubes (1.2m) with or without holders. We suggest you have at least one UV light.

When you have a UV light, all the UV paint colours glow vividly anywhere near it. It can also be used to activate paints that glow-in-the-dark in just a few seconds and is more effective than normal light at doing this. So even if you want paints that glow-in-the-dark without UV light it is useful to have a single UV light to activate the paints very quickly and they can be re-activated every few hours, just by walking past the light, to maintain their brightest glow.

### **Can I have a Glow in the dark party without UV light?**

Yes, but the possible colours and effects are limited and you need to select mainly from paints that glow-in-the-dark. You will need an area or period of good lighting to activate the paints after they have been applied and then a dark environment to enjoy the glow. Although the colours are limited, the effect of everybody glowing in the dark will still be awesome. It is a good idea to also use some Glow Sticks and Accessories to add colour and brightness to the overall glow effect if you don't have any UV lighting. If possible have at least one UV light.

### **I want UV lighting but how much do I need?**

Generally a single UV light bulb or tube covers the area of a single garage very well. Another way to put this is that a UV light gives good coverage for a distance about 4m in all directions. The UV bulbs are 26 Watts while the UV tubes are 36 Watts so the UV tubes cover a slightly larger area.

You do not have to have the entire area under UV light. A single UV light is fine for most home parties. Using the UV light to activate some Body Paints that glow-in-the-dark allows the effect to extend far beyond the light itself.