



Keep Safe & Well

South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue's **Safe & Well** scheme has been created to improve the safety and wellbeing of members of the community.

By developing referral partnerships with local organisations we aim to improve the targeting and risk management of people from high risk or excluded groups who may be at an increased risk of fire.

Does your organisation provide services or support to high risk or excluded members of the community?

If so, please sign up to our **Safe & Well** scheme.



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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Someone is considered more at risk of fire if they:

- Are over 65 years of age
- Live alone
- Have a physical or learning disability
- Have a sensory or cognitive impairment, inc. dementia or memory loss
- Take any medication that may affect their ability to escape from a fire
- Have a mental health illness
- Have substance or alcohol dependency
- Are a smoker
- Are unable to protect themselves from harm for any reason

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www.syfire.gov.uk/safe-well
Email: **safeandwell@syfire.gov.uk**



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Safe & Well Checks

We consider the Safe & Well Check to be the most effective way to reduce the number of accidental fires within the home and increase someone's chances of survival in the event of a fire.

A Safe & Well Check includes a combination of specific advice on reducing fire risks, tailored escape plans, provision of fire safety equipment and resources, fitting of smoke alarms and risk management in collaboration with partners, in addition to providing health and wellbeing advice.

Risks to consider within the home:

- Lack of working smoke alarms on each level of the property
- Resident/s over the age of 65
- Occupier lives alone
- Immobility affecting the ability to escape in a fire
- Overflowing ashtrays or cigarettes discarded around the property
- Burns to the person, clothing, bedding, carpets or furniture
- Evidence of substance and/or alcohol misuse
- Unsafe cooking practices e.g. chip pan or cookers being left on unattended
- Evidence of overloaded plug sockets/adaptors
- Hoarding behaviours, severe clutter and/or fire loading of flammables
- Resident with a hearing or visual impairment (without specialist smoke alarm)
- Unsafe home oxygen use e.g. smoking alongside use of home oxygen
- Residents targeted by arson attack/ threat of arson or fire related Hate Crime
- Fire setting activity within the household
- Air-filled pressure relieving mattress user

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