



Malmesbury Area Board Report

This report is for the period 010312- 310312

Activities:

FIRES	
Accidental Fires attended	1
Deliberate Fires attended	3
Total Fires	4
No of Co-responding calls(for ambulance service)	4
No of Road Traffic Collisions attended	0
No of fire related deaths or injuries	NIL
No of Home Fire Safety visits	4

Carbon Monoxide poisoning

Carbon Monoxide poisoning can be fatal or cause permanent damage to your health. CO is produced when carbon fuels do not burn completely. It has no smell or taste, and in large quantities can kill very quickly.

1. Get your gas appliances checked every year - use qualified engineers.
2. Make sure your chimney flue isn't blocked.
3. Is there enough ventilation in your home? Check that any air bricks aren't blocked.
4. Do you suffer from unexplained illnesses such as tiredness, muscle pains, upset stomach, dizziness and headaches? If you do, go straight to your doctor and ask for a carbon monoxide test.
5. The most important thing you can do to protect yourself and your family is to get a CO alarm, which can detect low levels of the gas.

Remember to be CO aware on holiday too...

- Make sure your camping light and stove are clean and properly adjusted.
- Never take a portable barbeque - or lit charcoal into an enclosed space like a caravan or tent.
- Make sure exhaust fumes from generators is properly vented away from occupied areas.
- Protect yourself and your family... buy a portable CO alarm and take it with you on holiday.

For further information on home fire safety, visit www.wiltsfire.gov.uk

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