

Malmesbury Area Board Report

This report is for the period 010412- 300412 Activities:

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FIRES	
Accidental Fires attended	4
Deliberate Fires attended	2
Total Fires	6
No of Co-responding calls(for	9
ambulance service)	
No of Road Traffic Collisions	0
attended	
No of fire related deaths or	0
injuries	
No of Home Fire Safety visits	13

Safety warning after house fire

A discarded cigarette was the most likely cause of a house fire in Malmesbury. Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service was called to the property and responded by sending crews from Malmesbury, Tetbury, Chippenham, Cirencester and Wootton Bassett to tackle the blaze.

Ten breathing apparatus wearers used two hose reel jets and a main covering jet to extinguish the fire, which severely damaged the whole of the first floor. The bedroom where the fire started was destroyed.

Fires caused by cigarettes can be prevented by taking a few simple precautions:

Never smoke in bed

Never leave lit cigarettes lying around

Always use a proper ashtray and make sure it can't be knocked over

Never empty ashtrays into bins before you go to bed

Take special care when you are tired or when you've been drinking

Keep matches and lighters away from children

Make sure you have a working smoke alarm

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

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