



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE**

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WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD REPORT

Community Safety Plan

DWFRS Community Safety Plan can be found on the DWFRS website;
<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>

Prevention

We are committed to making a real difference to the lives of people in Dorset and Wiltshire. Our aim is to reduce the level of risk and harm to our communities from fire, targeting those most at risk. We do this primarily through our Safe and Well visits.

A Safe and Well visit is **FREE** and normally lasts about one hour covering topics such as:

- Using electricity safely
- Cooking safely
- Making an escape plan
- What to do if there is a fire
- Keeping children safe
- Good practice – night time routine and other points relevant to you
- Identifying and discussing any further support the occupier may need

Are you or anyone you know:-

- Over the age of 65?
- Need a smoke detector?
- Have a long-term health condition?
- Suffer from poor hearing or sight loss?
- Would you struggle to escape in the event of a fire?

If you can answer yes to more than one of these questions, then please call us on 0800 038 2323 or visit <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>



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Protection

On-going interaction by Protection Team members with Local Authorities, Private landlords and tenants regarding fire safety-related matters: external cladding systems; fire detection and warning systems; fire resisting doors (& self-closers); combustibility/fire resistance of construction materials; commercial and residential sprinklers systems and water-mist suppression systems

General Enquiries

If you have a general fire safety enquiry regarding commercial property, please email fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk and the Fire Safety Team will respond in office hours.

Fire Safety Complaint

If you wish to tell us about fire safety risks in commercial premises, such as locked or blocked fire exits, you have three options:

- You can email the fire safety department at enforcement@dwfire.org.uk
- Call 01722 69 1717 during office hours (9am-5pm).
- Call our Service Control Centre on 0306 799 0019 out of office hours (5pm-9am)

On Call Recruitment

Have you always wondered if you could join the fire service, but haven't had the opportunity to find out more? Have you found yourself seeking your next challenge, keen to give back to the local community or wanting to learn new skills including leadership and teamwork? Then becoming an on-call firefighter is for you.

As a paid position, on-call firefighters commit anywhere between 40 to 120 hours per week, during which time they must be able to respond to the station immediately.

Many have 'normal' jobs during the day, then upon their return home make themselves available overnight or during the weekends. Some of our crew respond from their workplaces during the day, and we are very grateful to their employers for releasing them to perform their vital duties.

Anyone over 18 years old can apply (although you can also apply once you are 17½) you must be able to respond and attend the fire station within 5-8 minutes, you have a good standard of physical fitness (i.e. you are generally active), and you must have the right to work in the UK.

Further information on becoming an On Call Firefighter can be found at www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/ or should you have any questions, you can call **01722 691444**.



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Recent News & Events

Youth intervention courses rebrand as SPECTRA

SPECTRA

SUPPORT PURPOSE ENTHUSIASM CHALLENGE TRUST RESILIENCE ACHIEVEMENT

In January this year, our Salamander and SPARC programmes were rebranded to improve harmonisation across the Service. As a result, these courses will be known as SPECTRA from September, when we will see a full return of our youth intervention work to engage with young people, adults and families. This will help develop their self-esteem and confidence, and improve their wellbeing.

The first SPECTRA course will be delivered at Warminster fire station in September for young people at Kingdown School who have struggled with their wellbeing during the pandemic. This is being funded by Warminster Area Board's Local Youth Network Fund.

Recruiting for Trowbridge Fire Cadets programme

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is looking for young people to join their Fire Cadets programme at Trowbridge fire station, which will start in September.

The aim of Fire Cadets is to support the development of young people by providing positive role models and giving them opportunities to participate in a wide range of practical activities.

The course is designed to be fun, but it also challenges and develops the participants by getting them to:

- Work co-operatively within a team environment;
- Gain self-esteem and self-confidence and improve communication skills;
- Adopt a new set of personal values;
- Understand the importance of safety issues and the consequences of anti-social behaviour; and
- See the advantages of improving their learning and performance.



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Smoke hood used in house fire rescue

Fire escape hoods, which help to protect the wearer from toxic fire-related gases, vapours and particles for at least 15 minutes, have been rolled out across the Service.

They are used when people need to be evacuated from or through a smoke-filled location, and other exits – such as using a ladder or a smoke free staircase – are not available or viable.

Caravans and mobile homes



The risk of fire in a caravan or mobile home is increased because it will spread far more quickly than in a building.

Top tips for how to stay safe in caravans and mobile homes are available here:-

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/caravans-and-mobile-homes/>

Home Safety – Other languages



The “A Safer Home” leaflets are available to download in the following languages:-

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/home-safety-other-languages/>



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Total Fire Calls for Devizes Fire Station for period 1st May – 31st July 2021:-

Category	Total Incidents
No. of False Alarms	53
No. of Fires	Domestic (no persons) – 1 Domestic (persons reported) - 1 Retail/public access (no persons) - 2 Fire in the open (small) – 5 Machinery - 1
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	Hazardous materials – 1 Flooding (internal) – 2 Gain access – 5 Assist other agency – 1 Animal rescue - 2
Total	74

Local Incidents of Note

01/05/21 – Anzio Road Devizes

14/06/21 – Bromham Social Centre

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