



**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

Signposting information for witnesses following incidents

The road safety team at Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service have overseen a project producing signposting information for members of the public who witness, but are not directly involved in, an incident.

Experiencing something as unexpected as a fire, a collision, or any other form of rescue can be difficult, particularly in instances where suffering or loss of life have been witnessed. Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service's own firefighters experience this difficulty on a daily basis and appreciate the impact the trauma an incident can have on wellbeing.

More information about where to find support or guidance at <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/help-following-an-incident/>

Shared and rented accommodation



People living in rented or shared accommodation are seven times more likely to have a fire than someone living in a home they own.

Landlords' obligations

If you live in privately rented accommodation, your landlord has to meet certain safety obligations under the law. This includes making sure all gas and electric appliances are safe and in good working order.

The Fire Kills campaign has produced a leaflet on [**Fire Safety In Shared or Rented Accommodation**](#).



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Be Water Aware



Do you and the children in your care know what to do if they fall into water unexpectedly? Do they know what to do if they are swimming or playing in water and find themselves out of depth or scared? Do they know what to do if they see someone else scared in the water?

There is a plethora of 'be water aware' information available on our website, please visit:-
<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/education/be-water-aware/>

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Total Fire Calls for Ludgershall Fire Station for period 01/05/21 to 01/07/21: -

Category	Total Incidents
No. of False Alarms	4
No. of Fires	8
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	3
No. of Co-Responder	14
Total	29

Local Incidents of Note – The station is active on social media, please follow Ludgershall Fire Station on Facebook for updates.

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