



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE**

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WESTBURY 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**.



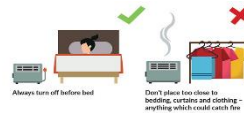
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Recent News & Events

Get Ready for Winter

For a full range of information and advice on how to stay safe, warm and healthy over the winter including:-

- Winter Safety in the Home
- Driving in Adverse Conditions
- Winter Driving Checklist



Please visit our website page [Get Ready for Winter](#)

Thatched Properties



The counties of Dorset and Wiltshire have thousands of thatched homes – although there is no increased risk of fire within thatched properties, the impact of a fire is far greater.

Thatch fires are typically attended by in excess of 50 firefighters, at least eight appliances and often for over 24 hours. The National Society of Master Thatchers estimate that the average cost of a thatch fire is in excess of £45,000.

A range of fire prevention tips can be found in our free downloadable advice leaflet [Your Thatched Home](#).

Countywide On-Call Firefighter Recruitment Campaign Set to Launch



Firefighters across Wiltshire are appealing for members of the public to join them this week with the launch of their on-call recruitment campaign.

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service needs new on-call recruits to provide fire cover at locations across Wiltshire. Contracted hours can vary, but on-call personnel usually make themselves available for between 40 and 120 hours per week. Between them, each fire station team will provide cover for weekdays, evenings, nights and weekends.

Full details of the campaign can be viewed [here](#).



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Total Fire Calls for Westbury Fire Station for period August/September 2019

Category	Total Incidents
No. of False Alarms	13
No. of Fires	6
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	8
Total	27

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