



# Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

## Report for Calne Area Board

### Fires

It is pleasing to report that WFRS saw a reduction in the number of accidental fires within the Board's area during January and February 2011, attending 4 fires compared to 10 in the previous reporting period.

These incidents have involved a chimney, oven gloves, a microwave oven and a kitchen.

Sadly, we have seen a small increase in the number of deliberate fires that we attended during the same period, from 1 to 3. These incidents involved refuse, a metal container and an outbuilding. WFRS will continue to work with Wiltshire Police and other agencies to identify any persons responsible for deliberate fire setting.

### Injuries

There were no fire related injuries reported during this period.

### RTC'S

WFRS have attended 3 incidents for January and February 2011, occurring on the A3102, Heddington and Oxford Rd in Calne.

### Community Safety

#### A RECIPE FOR A SAFE KITCHEN

Overheated oil or fat in chip pans, deep fat fryers or grill pans are the main cause of kitchen fires. A moment's distraction and you could find yourself with a serious fire.

#### SAFE COOKING

- Never fill a pan more than one third full of oil or fat.
- Never leave the pan or grill unattended, when the heat is switched on.
- Never put food in a chip pan if the oil begins to smoke. Turn off the heat and leave the oil to cool, otherwise it can catch fire.
- Clean hobs regularly to prevent a build up of fat which can catch fire.
- Drinking alcohol and cooking is a mix that can end up in disaster.

#### IF A PAN DOES CATCH FIRE:

- Do not move it - it could cause burns which last a lifetime.
- Turn off the heat if it is safe to do so but never lean over the pan to reach the cooker controls.
- Never throw water on it, this will only make it worse.
- Close the kitchen door on your way out.

CALL THE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE - we are professionals and have the protective clothing and equipment to tackle the fire safely.

For a full range of home fire safety advice, visit [www.wiltfire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltfire.gov.uk)