



DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

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/>



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 60 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**.

Recent News & Event

Businesses urged to plan for new fire safety legislation

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is supporting Business Safety Week, which runs between 11 and 17 September.

This campaign by the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) helps businesses understand their fire safety responsibilities and therefore remain safe, legal, and compliant.

To find out more about this, please visit:-

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/news/businesses-urged-to-plan-for-new-fire-safety-legislation/>

Student accommodation



#WelcomeToLifeAtUni

There are things you can do to improve your safety and security as a student, especially if you're moving into new accommodation.

Every year, around 350 18-24 year olds are injured in accidental house fires started by cigarettes, smoking materials and cooking. Therefore, you need to make sure that you're familiar with the basics of fire and gas safety, as well as home and personal security.

To find out more information, please visit :-

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safer-housing/student-accomodation/>



Storms and power cuts



When stormy weather is forecast, there are things we can all do to make sure we're prepared and staying as safe as possible.

For information on ways to stay safe in adverse conditions, please visit:-

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/storms-and-power-cuts/>

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	Deliberate Fires					
	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23
BOA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Devizes	4	3	1	0	1	0
Melksham	1	0	1	1	0	0
Trowbridge	5	11	3	3	2	1
Total	29			8		

	Accidental Dwelling Fires					
	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23
BOA	0	0	1	3	0	0
Devizes	1	0	0	2	1	2
Melksham	1	1	1	1	0	0
Trowbridge	2	2	2	0	3	1
Total	11			13		



AFA's Domestic						
	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23
BOA	5	6	3	2	5	7
Devizes	1	5	3	8	3	2
Melksham	10	12	12	12	5	13
Trowbridge	4	13	13	14	15	5
Total	87			91		

AFA's Non Domestic						
	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23
BOA	0	4	1	0	2	1
Devizes	6	1	4	4	1	5
Melksham	5	4	2	2	5	2
Trowbridge	0	8	1	5	3	6
Total	36			36		

RTC's						
	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23
BOA	0	1	0	0	1	1
Devizes	3	1	1	1	2	0
Melksham	1	1	0	0	2	1
Trowbridge	1	0	0	0	3	3
Total	9			14		

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