



Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Report to the Calne Area Board March 2009

Incidents in the Calne Fire Station 'Ground' (Area) January 2009

2009	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Total calls	11												11
FADA (Auto Fire Alarms)	3												3
Hoaxes/FAM	0												0
RTC Attended (Person trapped)	1												1
Deliberate Fires	0												0
FDR1 (Total)	2												2
Secondary (Total)	1												1
Other Calls	4												4

FDR1 Fires: Are those that involve property of a high value – buildings, vehicles, etc

Secondary fires: Are those involving property of little or no value

Fire Trends and Analysis - A message from Jackie Tozer Case Manager (Incident reduction)

We have seen an increase in chimney fires across the entire North Wiltshire area between 1st October 2008 and 31st January, 2009 compared with the same period 2007/2008. This could be attributed to open fires and wood burning stoves being used. It is possible that more households are likely to have an open fire. However, the economic downturn could also be another factor, where people are looking for alternatives to alleviate the high costs of gas and electricity.

Kitchen safety advice

Most fires in the home start in the kitchen – so Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service is reminding local people to take extra care when cooking.

The following safety tips should always be followed:

- When cooking, take care if you're wearing loose clothing as it can easily catch fire.
- Keep electrical leads, tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob.
- Never leave children alone in the kitchen. Keep matches, lighters and saucepan handles where children can't reach them and fit a safety catch on the oven door.
- Keep the oven, hob, toaster and grill clean - a build-up of fat, crumbs or grease can easily catch fire.
- Don't use a toaster underneath a kitchen cabinet as the rising heat can catch any residual grease on the base of the unit.
- Don't use matches or lighters to light gas cookers - spark devices, which you can buy from hardware stores, are safer.
- Don't leave pans on the hob when you're not around. Take them off the heat if you have to leave the kitchen.
- Don't put anything that is made of metal or is metallic inside the microwave.
- When you have finished cooking, make sure you switch off the oven and hob