



South Yorkshire FIRE & RESCUE

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Dear Resident,

I'm writing to you to explain how to stay safe from fire in your home and how you can help us prevent deliberate fires in the community.

Fortunately, house fires are rare. But our firefighters still attend hundreds of incidents across South Yorkshire every year, many of which are accidental. All are preventable.

There are some really simple things you can do to prevent a fire. Things like:

- Having working smoke alarms and testing them regularly
- Have a good bedtime routine, closing internal doors, turning off appliances
- Moving your wheelie bins to a location at the rear of your property where they can't be accessed or seen from the roadside feasible
- Try to put your bins out on the morning of collection rather than the night before.
- Keeping an eye on your cooking and switching off kitchen equipment after use
- Unplugging electrical items like laptops and chargers before you go to bed

Never try to put out a fire yourself. If you do, you could get hurt. If there's a fire, get out of the house and stay out. Call 999 from a safe place.

For more tips on staying safe from fire and helping us reduce deliberate fires in the community, check out the guide we've included. It also tells you how to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

John Billings

Head of Service Delivery

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