

What to do if there is a fire in your home

- Keep all doors and windows closed except for escape purposes
- See that everyone gets out of the house
- Do not waste time collecting valuable possessions. Your life is more valuable
- Call the fire service by dialling 999 from a neighbour's house or your mobile phone
- Make certain they get your correct address
- Wait outside until the fire service arrive. Do not attempt to re-enter your home until you are told by a member of the fire service that it is safe to do so.

Stay Safe and Get Help

If you are unable to get out of your house:

- Choose a room that you can go to, preferably one facing the street
- Close the door behind you
- Block the foot of the door with blankets, clothes or other available material - this will prevent smoke entering the room
- If you have a phone, call 999 and ask for the Fire & Rescue Service
- If you don't have a phone handy, open the window and shout for help
- As a last resort, throw small soft things such as duvets or pillows out of the window and lower yourself onto them - don't jump.



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Smoke alarms are an essential part of a good home fire safety programme. You should test your smoke alarms on a weekly basis by pressing the 'TEST' button until the alarm sounds.

We are responsible for carrying out annual checks to smoke alarms as part of the annual servicing of your heating appliances to make sure they are working properly.

There will be a minimum of one smoke alarm on each floor of your property.

A smoke alarm is the easiest way to alert you to the danger of a fire in your home – giving you time to escape. Don't put your family at unnecessary risk and test your smoke alarm every week.

If a fire strikes, a prepared and practiced escape plan could prove vital. Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service can help free of charge.

Call them on **01332 771221**
Or visit www.derbys-fire.gov.uk.

Safety Hints and Fire Prevention

Many fires in the home start at night. Make sure you have a bedtime fire safety routine to help keep your family and home safe.

- Ensure everyone is familiarised with the full alarm signal
- Prepare and practice an escape plan
- Think of a second route in case the first one is blocked
- Keep all doors closed at night to stop fire from spreading
- Put candles and cigarettes out properly
- Before emptying ashtrays make sure the contents are cold
- Unplug all electrical appliances not designed to stay on.



A smoke alarm can give you and your family a few precious minutes of warning should a fire occur.

(Please read in conjunction with the manufacturers instructions)

In the centre of your smoke alarm is a raised plastic portion which is the test and the 10 minute silence button.

Accidental Activation

If you accidentally activate the alarm, wave a magazine or similar item around the unit to circulate 'fresh air'. The alarm could continue to sound for up to 1 minute, until it senses 'normal' conditions.

Test Your Unit Regularly

Please ensure that you test your unit weekly. First check that the red internal operating light flashes every 45 seconds - this shows the unit has power. Secondly, depress and hold the test button until the alarm sounds (it can take up to 20 seconds for the alarm to sound). The alarm is indicated by a loud continuing sound and may continue for up to 10 seconds after the button is released.

Low Battery Warning

The unit will warn you that the battery is getting low by beeping every 45 seconds for up to 30 days when the battery needs replacing. Should this happen, please contact us.

If you are having problems with your smoke alarm, call us on **08000 121 621**.

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