

Self Neglect Conference Hoarding Workshop

Fire Safety

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When would you involve HFRS?

- If someone is hoarding, it does not automatically mean that they are a fire risk.
- A person who hoards, will be classified as a fire risk if there are sources of ignition within the property, which are not separated correctly or safely from the items being hoarded.



What can HFRS do?

- Complete a Safe and Well visit to the occupiers of the property
 - This is focused on the occupiers of the property and the risks to them based on the circumstances inside the premises.
- Identify sources of ignition within the property
- Identify the risks of the items being hoarded in the event of a fire
- Provide advice to the occupier in relation to how they can reduce their fire safety risks
 - Create and maintain clear walkways throughout the property
 - Remove sources of ignition from the items being stored i.e portable heaters, ash trays, candles.
- Install smoke detection



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- Log risk information with HFRS control – to make attending crew aware of the situation
- Increase the number of fire engines sent to an incident at the property.
- Ensure local fire fighting equipment is located and tested.
- Liaise with partner agencies to reduce fire risks further
- Attend safeguarding meetings and arrange Fire Risk Conferences where necessary.



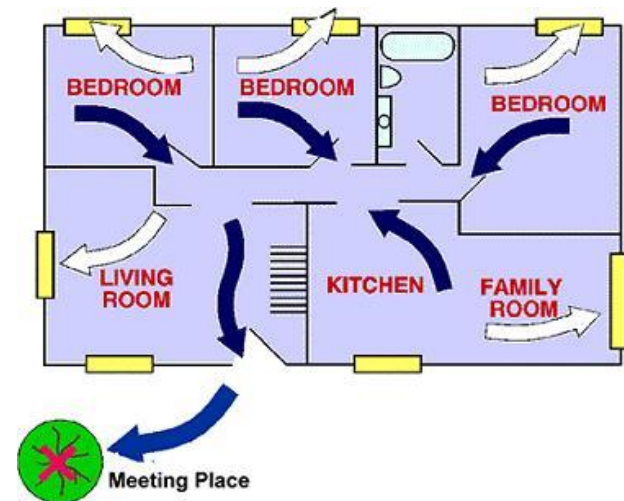
Sources of ignition

- Smoking
- Unsafe practices with cooker
- Unsafe practices when cooking
- Overloaded sockets/poor electrics
- Open fires
- Candles on inappropriate surfaces
- Portable gas heaters
- Electric Blankets
- Evidence of previous fires



Escape Routes

- Are escape routes clear?
 - Can the final exit be opened easily by the occupant(s)?
 - Poor housekeeping?
- Will any impairments prevent the occupant from responding to the alarm and exiting the building, in a reasonable time, in the event of a fire?



What can HFRS not do?

- HFRS has no legal enforcement powers within someone's private domestic dwelling
- HFRS will always work to support the occupier in the property to stay safe at home. HFRS will not provide evidence to support an eviction of an occupier from their property.



How to get HFRS input

- Complete a Safe and Well referral form and email to community safety at HFRS.
- Visit HFRS website and complete the online referral form.
- For advice or to discuss a case – contact the Southampton Community Safety Officer (Laura Cane-Andrews).

