



FIRE SENSE

Information Pack



Safer
HOMES



Safer
NEIGHBORHOODS



Safer
ROADS



Safer
ENVIROMENT

Thank you for attending a recent Fire Sense training session.

We hope you found it informative and you feel better prepared to spot fire risks in the homes you visit. On the following pages you will find some documents to assist you and signposts to further information.

Together we can protect vulnerable people across Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes.

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Risk Checklist

Client Name:			
Client Address:			
Fire Factors	Yes	No	Comments
Are there smoke alarms on each floor?			
Test them - Do they work?			
Is there a Telecare/Community Alarm?			
If yes - is this linked to a smoke alarm?			
Does the person live alone?			
Have there been any previous fires?			
Behaviour Factors	Yes	No	Comments
Hoarding			
Are there a lot of items being stored in the property?			
If yes - Refer to the Clutter Rating Index in this pack	1	2	3 4 5 6 7 8 9
What level is the clutter 1-9?			
Are exit routes blocked?			
Smoking			
Do they smoke?			
Is there evidence of burn marks on the person/property?			
Alcohol/Drugs			
Are they regularly under the influence of alcohol/drugs?			
Person Factors			
Are they aged 65 or over?			
Do they have limited mobility or are they bed bound?			
Do they have a sight loss/impairment?			
Do they have a hearing loss/impairment?			
Do they have a learning disability?			
Do they have Dementia/Alzheimers?			
Does they have a disability?			
Do they have a physical health condition?			
Do they have a mental health condition?			
Do they take medication that may affect their response to or risk of fire or are they using emollient creams?			
Do they have breathing difficulties or use oxygen?			
Do they have a package of care in place?			
Other Risk Factors			
Has there been a threat of arson?			
Is the property rented?			
Are they using an airflow mattress?			

Clutter Rating Index

1



2



3



4



5



6



7



8



9



Use this index to tell us, in your professional judgement, what level hoarding is in the property.

For additional images insert clutter rating image into a search engine.

Home Fire Safety Visit Information

Home Fire Safety Visit Referral Form

Below is a QR code and link to our Home Fire Safety Visit referral form:



<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/GhzcjPpWFv>

You could use the risk checklist and clutter rating index above to assist you. Please include all relevant information when making a referral.

Home Fire Safety Visit Postcard

Help us to promote our Home Fire Safety Visit Service by printing off the below and sharing with others who may need our services.



The postcard features a blue background. At the top left is the Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue logo. To the right is a large image of a white smoke detector. The text on the postcard includes:

- FREE** Home Fire Safety Visit
- Find out more
- ✉ Referrals@bucksfire.gov.uk
- ☎ 01296 744 477 Office open week days 8.30am - 4pm
- 🔍 bucksfire.gov.uk/home-fire-safety-visits
- QR code with "SCAN ME" label
- Bottom text: "If you, or someone you know is concerned about fire safety, **get in touch!**"

BFRS Prevention Team

Community Safety Coordinators:

Our team of Coordinators will have delivered your training, their contact details can be found below:



**Anna
Ditta**

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Coordinator - Central**

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Other Services the Prevention Team Offer:

Fire Wise:

A programme provided by Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service aimed at children and young people (and occasionally adults) who:

- have been involved in fire setting behaviour
- are at risk of becoming involved in fire setting behaviour
- are considered to have an 'unusual' or 'unhealthy' fascination with fire
- have any other specific issue related to fire or fire setting
- There is no minimum age for a young person to be referred.
- Referrals are accepted for the Firewise scheme up to the point at which a young person reaches 18 years old (on their birthday).
- Each referral is dealt with individually, with a structure that is flexible both in content and number of visits.

Contact firewise@bucksfire.gov.uk for more information.

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Hoarding Support Group

This group is open to anyone effected by hoarding, whether experiencing it yourself or supporting someone who is. Led by Karen Lock, Community Safety & Partnership Officer who is also a trained counsellor with previous experience as an Advocate facilitating peer support groups. No diagnosis or referral needed to join the group.

What to expect:

- A safe supportive space to connect and share experiences
- An understanding as to why people might exhibit hoarding behaviour.
- A discussion about how the group can develop to support its members.
- Guest speakers and hoarding experts, previous speakers include:
 - Paul Salkovskis Professor of Clinical Psychology Director of Oxford Institute of clinical psychology training and research,
 - Jo Cooke from Hoarding Disorders UK
 - Mind - to provide a mindfulness session, explaining how to practice it and how it can help
- Optional sharing of personal experiences
- What helps and maybe does not help in our journey of recovery.

If you feel you are not coping with managing to maintain your home the way you would like, and this is causing you distress or concern, this group is for you.

How to join:

<https://bucksfire.gov.uk/service/hoarding-support-group/>

Email: hoarding@bucksfire.gov.uk

For additional advice and support please contact [**Hoarding UK**](#)

Information on emollients

[**Emollients.pdf**](#)

[**Emollients - NHS**](#)

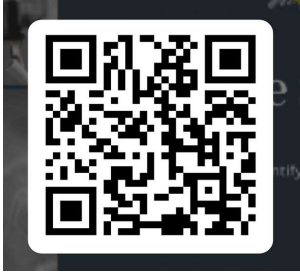
[**NFCC Carers advice Emollients | Videos & Movies on Vimeo**](#)

[**Emollient Use - BFRS**](#)

Further Information and Useful Links:

Fire Sense Evaluation:

If you haven't already, please give us feedback on the training session you attended to enable us to review your thoughts and make continuous improvements. If you missed the session, use the link below to book on to a future one.



MS Form
[Fire Sense Evaluation](#)

[Do you work with vulnerable people in their homes? - Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service](#)

BFRS Website Links:

If you would like more information on safety within the **home**, for you or others, please click on the area of interest below to go straight to the information pages on our website:

[Smoke Alarms](#)

[Advice for Carers](#)

[Smoking](#)

[Home Fire Safety Visits](#)

[Electrical Safety](#)

[Print Fire Safety in the Home booklet](#)

[Home Oxygen Use](#)

If you would like more information from a **business** perspective, please click on the area of interest below to go straight to the information pages on our website:

[BFRS advice for safer businesses](#)



Bucks Fire & Rescue Service
Community Safety Team

Bucksfire.gov.uk/safety-advice-hub