



Celebrating 10 years of Building Safer Communities Together



Fire safety in our Communities

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service works hard to help keep us safe by providing information and raising awareness of what they can do for us at home, in school and in our workplace.

Some of the services they offer include:

- Free fire home safety visits to give advice and guidance about an individual's fire and home safety needs, including fitting smoke alarms (call **free on** 0800 7311 822 to arrange a visit)
- Providing special smoke alarms for the hard of hearing
- Providing fire guards
- Providing fire retardant bedding and furniture throws for vulnerable people
- Providing leaflets for businesses and home owners about how to keep their property safe
- Visiting local schools across all key stage areas promoting fire safety advice and education

As well as this, there are a variety of projects for young people to get involved with to raise fire awareness including:

Firesetters: A programme to help young people who are showing a dangerous curiosity with fire.

It aims to help them understand and control the feelings and circumstances that make them want to set fire to things. Without this their behaviour can become serious causing injury, damage to property and even death.

To find out more about Firesetters or put someone forward for the programme email firesetters@dsfire.gov.uk or telephone 01392 872315.

School talks: Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service provide Fire Education in schools using school talks packages aimed at the various Key Stages in line with Ofsted and LEA. The packages focus on Prevention, Detection and escape including fire setting and road safety.

For more information contact the School Talks, Education and Training Department on 01392 872315 or visit: www.dsfire.gov.uk/DevonFire/ChildrenAndYoungPeople/

Emergency Service Community Cadets: An exciting new opportunity for young people aged 11 to 17yrs to become a cadet and learn how to work in a team with the fire and rescue service and other partner emergency services.

The aim of the scheme is to develop practical and life skills as well as communication and teamwork. Details to follow soon.