

Home safety visit

The fire service is here to help.

We provide free fire safety advice over the phone or in your home.

During a home safety visit, a friendly fire safety adviser from Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service will come into your home to chat about what you can do to keep safe from fire. They can also provide free specialist equipment.

Get in touch to book a visit or for fire safety advice:

0800 05 02 999

dsfire.gov.uk/homesafety

firekills@dsfire.gov.uk

Text 07800 002 476

Find out more about smoking, vaping and e-cigarette safety on our website:

dsfire.gov.uk/smoking



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Smoking safety



Smoking in the home

Every six days, someone in the UK will die from a fire started by a cigarette.

Smoking is the most common cause of fatal fires, resulting in one in five deaths.

How can I keep safe from smoking?

Here are six ways to reduce the risk of fire from smoking.

- 1.** Only smoke outside. If you insist on smoking inside, take extra care and never smoke in bed as you could fall asleep and set fire to the bed.
- 2.** Properly extinguish cigarettes, cigars and pipes when you've finished smoking.
- 3.** Don't leave lit cigarettes, cigars and pipes unattended. They can easily over-balance as they burn down and set things alight.
- 4.** Use an ashtray that won't tip over easily and isn't made of material that can burn.
- 5.** Empty ashtrays often and wet the contents before putting them in a bin outside your home. Never tip the ash into a bin inside your house.

- 6.** Keep lighters and matches out of children's reach. You can buy child-resistant lighters and matchboxes.

What to do if there's a fire

- 1** **Get out of the building, closing any doors behind you.**
- 2** **Stay out of the building.**
- 3** **Call 999 and ask for the fire service.**

