



LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

Home Fire Safety For Care Professionals



INTRODUCTION

Encourage anyone who is smoking to:

- Smoke outside
- Use proper ash trays and never discard into bin without wetting.
- Never smoke in bed
- Make sure lit cigarettes aren't left unattended
- If using e-cigarettes, ensure that only the supplied charger is used



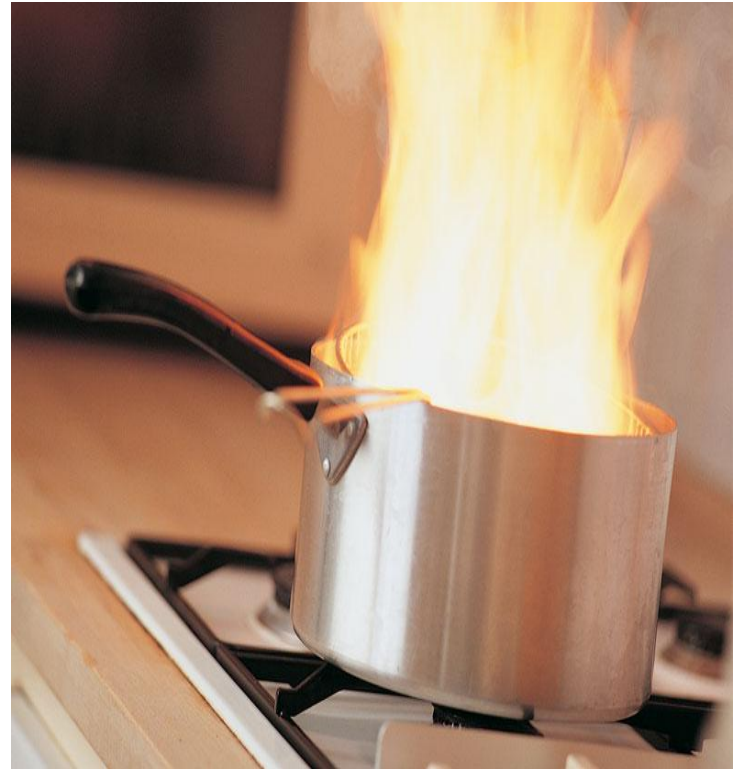
Encouraging anyone using candles to:

- Use LED flameless candles.
- Place candles, tea lights or incense burners in heat-resistant holders
- To place candle holders on flat, stable and heat-resistant surface
- Never leave candles unattended or near soft furnishings.



Useful tips for safe cooking:

- Keep cooking area clear
- Routinely clean oven, hob and extractor
- Avoid portable cooking appliances



Encouraging safe use of electricals and heating:

- Do not place items on top or close to heaters, lamps or other electrical equipment
- Switch off electrical items overnight
- Look for overloaded sockets
- Lithium-Ion Batteries should be charged on a non flammable surface & unplugged when charged.



Identify presence of flammables

- Encourage individuals to recycle newspapers
- Keep an eye out for cylinders, which are highly flammable



Best practice for fire detection

- Fire detection in all rooms (except toilet and bathroom)
- Advise linked alarm system
- Encourage individuals to test alarms at least once a month



Helping residents to consider escape plan:



- To work out and plan best escape route in advance
- To never store or stack items on planned escape routes
- Ensure enough space around doors to open and close properly
- To always keep door and window keys easily accessible
- **TO GET OUT AND STAY OUT!**

High Risk Persons

There are several factors that LFB uses to categorise whether an individual is at higher risk. These fall into three categories:

- **Increased risk of fire** – This can be due to behaviours such as smoking. This also includes characteristics identified from LFB's data from past incidents such as living alone, over 60 years old or in receipt of care (informal, formal or both)
- **Less able to react** – This could be someone who has a hearing impairment or a mental health condition. It could also be someone without a working smoke alarm.
- **Less able to escape** – This could be a user of mobility aids, or someone who is chair/bed bound. It could also be someone who has a blocked escape route which would impede them leaving their home.

If you think someone might be high risk based on the information above, please refer them to us for a HFSV.

Home Fire Safety Visit

If you work with anyone who may fall into the **high risk category**, we encourage you to refer them for a HFSV as soon as possible by calling **0800 028 4428**

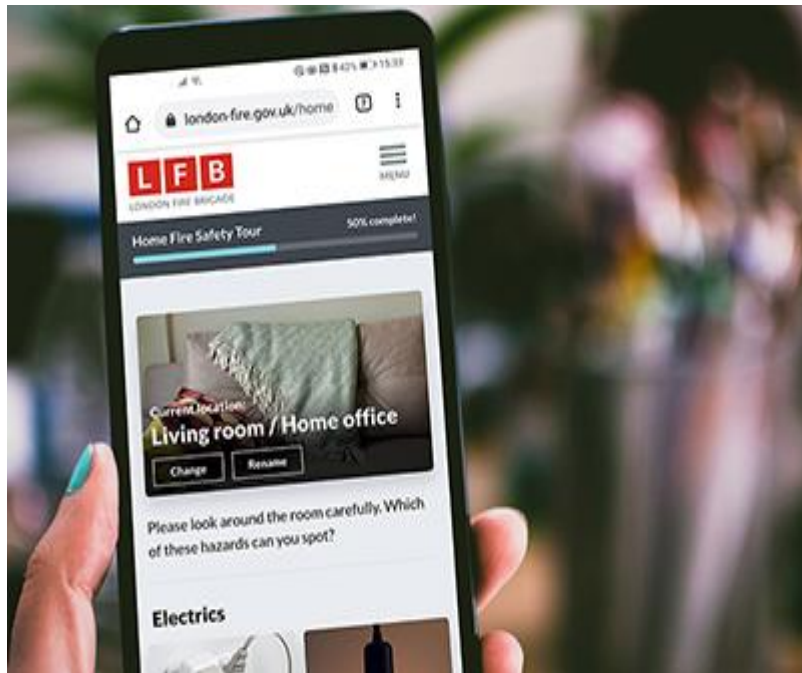
They will be asked a series of triage questions to determine the risk.

This will determine how quickly they receive a HFSV from a local crew.

This will be 4 hours for very high risk, 7 days for high risk, and 1 month for medium risk.

Those who fall into a lower risk category will be directed the online checker which will provide fire safety advice tailored for their homes.

Online Fire Safety Checker



Get tailored advice for your home, or the home of someone you care for.

www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/home-fire-safety/home-fire-safety-checker-hfsc/

Online Resources

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/>



What if there's a fire? >

Making an escape plan – and practising it in advance – is a lifesaver.



Smoke alarm must-knows >

Do you know your smoke alarms from your heat alarms? What's right for where, and how to get them for free.



Londoners get 1-2-1 fire safety advice >

In 2018, we visited thousands of homes through our home fire safety visit scheme.



Great cooks are safe cooks! >

It's important to know how to use your kitchen safely.



Smoking is the number 1 cause of fire fatalities >

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Worried about fire safety? >

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Drop Into Your Local Fire Station



<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/carers-and-support-workers/a-carers-guide-to-home-fire-safety/a-carers-guide-to-home-fire-safety-video/>

Questions?



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