Fire Safety Advice

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1. Purpose

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority (HIWFRA) is committed to ensuring that Hampshire and the Isle of Wight have an efficient and effective fire and rescue service which makes life safer for everyone.

This is HIWFRA's Position Statement for Fire Safety Advice and forms part of the HIWFRA's Protection Policy.

2. Authority's Position

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority (HIWFRA), considers it responsible for Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service (HIWFRS) to provide the following information and advice for the purposes of promoting fire safety, as set out within the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004, Section 6.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority believe the most vulnerable people should be targeted for its advice. We will actively target vulnerable people, those individuals or households who are at greatest risk from fire in the home and those non-domestic premises where the life safety risk is greatest, to deliver this advice, whether they be in domestic premises or non-domestic premises.

Domestic Premises

Domestic premises present the people in Hampshire and Isle of Wight most risk from fire.

We will target those most vulnerable, due to personal characteristics or health needs; and work extensively with other agencies to provide fire safety advice. This will be delivered directly to the person or those who care for them, in their home.

We will provide bespoke information to those not the most vulnerable, using means such as marketing campaigns and online tools.

We will provide through HIWFRS website generic fire safety advice that will be inclusive and accessible to all.

Non-Domestic Premises

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority are the enforcing authority for the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, in Hampshire and Isle of Wight. The legislation places a duty on the Responsible Person of a building (the person/s who is responsible for a premises being used for an activity, would be responsible for the safety of themselves and others who use the premises) to conduct a risk assessment and to put in place arrangements to ensure the safety of people in and around the building.

We will not provide premises specific information such as a fire risk assessment in non-domestic buildings as this is the responsibility of the Responsible Person in accordance with legislation and not part of HIWFRS's statutory duties.

We will target those buildings most likely to present a risk to people, and trained fire safety inspectors will visit these buildings and will advise where fire safety issues are identified. This is HIWFRS's Risk Based Inspection Programme (RBIP).

We will provide education and advice to Responsible Person/s of buildings most likely to present fire risks or when requested.

The advice may include:

- The legislation
- Responsibilities of a Responsible Person
- Common shortfalls in the building type
- Auditor's and Enforcer's expectations of this building type
- Protecting businesses by promoting business continuity

We will monitor any changes in legislation that affect fire safety in buildings, fire safety equipment, and fire safety practices, and wherever needed will be communicated in a timely manner to the Responsible Person.

We will give freely telephone and online fire safety advice on request and will signpost government fire safety guidance.