

Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue's checklist when considering fire safety in the home.

<u>Vulnerability factor</u>	<u>Issue detail</u>
No working smoking alarms/ inappropriate smoke alarm	Would the service user hear the standard smoke detector/ know what to do if the smoke detector went off? Smoke detectors should be tested once a week and there should be one per level
Mobility difficulties	How would the service user get out of the property if there was a fire? (escaping from fire for people who have reduced mobility is a major issue) Are the escape routes clear from clutter? shut doors at night to stop spread of fire
Alcohol/substance misuse	The service user may be unable to recognise/ respond to an alarm due to alcohol or drug use
Smoking	Careless disposal of smoking materials We can provide fire retardant being and chair throws as part of a home fire safety check
Mental disability or progres- sive illness such as dementia	The service user may be unable to recognise/ respond to an alarm We can request specialist equipment according to need based on a home fire safety check
Evidence of previous fires	Previous fires indicate something has gone wrong in the past and could go wrong again eg burns to carpets or bedding
Life changing event (eg stroke, loss of a partner, acci- dent leading to change of mo- bility)	Re-adjustment to a change in circumstance takes time and GFRS can support this process by going through safety measures needed to accommodate that change
Hoarding and clutter	Result in blocked escape routes Results in high fire loading Provides numerous trip hazards In extreme cases leads to dangers to fire crews.
Electrics	Plugs must not be overloaded Encourage strip adaptors instead of block adaptors Switch off appliances when going to bed
Candles	Make sure they are held in non combustible holders Keep away from soft furnishings Keep away from curtains Extinguish when you leave room
Kitchen safety	Don't leave pans unattended Don't leave towels/clothes over cooker Be careful of loose clothing when cooking Electrics and water don't mix!

Any concerns refer to Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service - referral information required:

permission for visit
occupants name and address including postcode and
telephone number
detail of referring agency including name and contact
detail
reason for referral
quote Safe and Sound
consider a joint visit

How:

vulnerablereferrals@glosfire.gov.uk

quoting Safe and Sound and providing all information