
Overview

This standard is about delivering practical activities/interventions which are designed to contribute to improving the safety of individuals in their own homes. These are individuals who, because of their circumstances, pose a greater risk of being involved in fire and other incidents likely to cause harm.

The term Community Fire Safety covers all community safety activities that are the responsibility of the Fire and Rescue Service. This could include, but is not limited to, road safety, home safety, fire prevention activities and any other Community Fire Safety activities.

Target group

Fire service personnel who have been trained to provide interventions and activities to improve home fire safety. These activities could be carried out by both operational and non operational fire service personnel.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 gather information from appropriate sources in relation to individuals in need of home visits
- P2 arrange suitable appointment for home visit
- P3 explain the purpose of your visit in a manner which is appropriate to the needs of the individual
- P4 check the condition of the premises in accordance with organisational procedures
- P5 check the condition and serviceability of any existing safety devices
- P6 evaluate the risk posed by the individual and their living conditions
- P7 identify solutions for mitigating the risk
- P8 provide advice and guidance to individuals on issues relating to their safety at home
- P9 provide advice and guidance to individuals on fire safety risks within their community
- P10 check the individual's understanding of the information given
- P11 manage any conflict or hostility in accordance with organisational policy
- P12 fit and test safety devices within the constraints of organisational policy
- P13 refer cases to appropriate people and agencies where further support is required which is beyond own level of responsibility

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 sources of information on individuals at risk
- K2 internal policies and procedures relating to home visits for at risk individuals
- K3 safeguarding procedures in relation to working with at risk individuals
- K4 principles of risk assessment to reduce hazards in the home
- K5 solutions available and how they relate to the identified problems
- K6 how apply problem solving techniques to the circumstances
- K7 limitations of own role and responsibility and that of the organisation
- K8 roles and responsibilities of other people and agencies who may be working with the individuals
- K9 services offered by other people and agencies that are available and appropriate to the individual
- K10 the process for referral to other people and agencies
- K11 safeguarding procedures

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