The West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service is pleased to be working with Silsden Town Council in a new joint venture aiming to make West Yorkshire a safer place to live. As well as attending incidents we also work in the community to promote fire and road safety education and prevent fires occurring.

Factors that increase the risk of you being injured in a fire in the home may include: No working smoke detectors, having a smoker in the household, your age or someone with physical impairment.

If you would like further information, you can either visit our website www.westyorksfire.gov.uk or contact your local fire station.

West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service recommend that all households have working smoke detectors and have listed our top ten tips for fire safety in the home below.

10 Tips For Better Fire Safety

1. Working Smoke Detectors - You are 3 times more likely to die in a fire without them. Householders should ensure they have Smoke Alarms correctly installed. The Fire service can fit these for people who are vulnerable or at higher risk from fire in the home.

2. Have a Fire Plan - Every household should have one and everyone should know what to do in case of a fire emergency. Discuss this with the fire officer during the check.

3. Have A Night-time Routine - Make sure that appliances that can be, are turned off, doors are closed; candles and cigarettes are put out.

4. Have A Clear Route Out - Keep all exits routes clear. Blocking these could hinder your escape.

5. Have Keys Available Near Exit Doors - Everyone in the household should know where they are. Have spare sets discreetly placed near exit routes for such an emergency.

6. Overloaded Sockets Are A Problem - Check yours today, remember electric cable can wear if placed under carpets.

7. Where Are Lighters And Matches? - Put these somewhere safe. Young children love to experiment! Lighters and matches are not toys.

8. Chip Pan Safety - When cooking NEVER leave pan unattended, don’t overfill and NEVER try to put out a chip pan fire with water.

9. Know How To Make An Emergency call - Everyone should know how to make that call. If you need help, make that call. We are here for you.

10. Review Your Fire Safety Plan At Regular Intervals - Finally check your safety regularly. Update everyone and look at the literature. If you need a further check or advice from us, please call.

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