



Fire Safety

Information for Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child recently took part in a fire safety session led by Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, where they learned key skills to help keep themselves and others safe.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to speak with your child about what they learned. As a follow-up, we'd also like to share some important steps you can take to help keep your family safe from fire — and be prepared in case of an emergency.

Fire Safety in The Home

How you can keep your family safe from fire:

- **Smoke alarms save lives:** Make sure you have working smoke alarms fitted on every level of your home. Test them once a week.
- **Fire action plan:** In case of an emergency, create a fire action plan with your family. Make sure everyone knows the quickest and safest way out — and that exit routes are kept clear. [Home fire action plan - Surrey County Council](#) Remember '**Get out, stay out and call 999!**'
- **Check before bed:** Turn off and unplug all electrical appliances (unless they are designed to be left on – like your fridge/freezer), turn heaters off, use fire guards, and properly extinguish candles and cigarettes. Ensure internal doors are closed to help stop the fire spreading.



Calling 999

- **Know your address:** Teach children their home address in case they ever need to call 999.
- **Calling 999 is free** from any phone and is answered 24 hours a day.
- **Accessibility:** For those who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, 999 can be accessed in a variety of ways. Learn more at: [Contact 999 using Relay UK - How to use Relay UK | Relay UK](#)

Clothing Fires

What to do if your clothes catch fire:

Stop, Drop & Roll – stop moving, drop to the ground, and roll to smother flames.



For wheelchair users: Stop, Cover to Smother – use a material like a blanket or coat to smother the flames.





Seasonal Safety- Be Wildfire Aware This Summer

Surrey's beautiful heathlands are great places for family adventures—but they're also at risk of wildfires, especially in hot, dry weather. Wildfires can spread quickly, destroy habitats and endanger lives.

Here's how your family can help keep nature safe:

- **Take all your litter home** – litter can easily fuel fires.
- **Choose a picnic instead of a BBQ** when you're out exploring.
- **Avoid bonfires or campfires** – even a small spark can start a large fire.

Together, we can help protect Surrey's wildlife and outdoor spaces.

We also work in partnership with Thames Basin Heaths, and we're sharing some of their great resources so you can learn more about the amazing wildlife on our heaths, including special ground-nesting birds like nightjars and woodlarks.

Heathland wildfire activity sheet:

[tbhpartnership.org.uk/?pdf=1&uri=https://www.tbhpartnership.org.uk/content/uploads/2022/07/TBH-Heat...](https://www.tbhpartnership.org.uk/?pdf=1&uri=https://www.tbhpartnership.org.uk/content/uploads/2022/07/TBH-Heat...)

Heathland arts, crafts and activities: [Free activities - Thames Basin Heaths](#)

We've also included some other fun activity sheets for your child to complete at home, please find attached.



Further Information

Following our session, your child may have questions about fire safety. For more information, visit [Fire safety information for parents and carers - Surrey County Council](#)

We also offer free Safe and Well home visits, with personalised fire safety advice. We can also supply and install smoke alarms and other fire safety equipment at no cost.



To book a visit for yourself, a loved one, or someone you're concerned about:

- Visit [Surrey Fire and Rescue service - Safe and well checks for your home - Surrey County Council](#)
- Call free on 0800 085 0767
- Or text to 07971 691898 with: your name, contact number, postcode and primary concern (e.g., smoke alarms, a disability or safety concern)

For information on other potential risks in Surrey, and how to prepare, follow this link [Risks in Surrey and how to prepare - Surrey County Council](#)

Thank you for helping us keep your family and community safe.

For more information visit
www.surreycc.gov.uk/fire-safety-education

