

Sight Loss



DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE

The information in this leaflet is designed to give practical home safety advice to anyone with sight loss and their carers and loved ones to help support them.

Smoke alarms

- Place a brightly coloured sticker on your smoke alarm
- Fit a smoke alarm on every level of your home and test it weekly
- Can you ask a friend, family member or neighbour to fit and test your smoke alarm?



Be prepared – get out, stay out, call 999

- Place helpful indicators along your escape route and make sure you feel comfortable following them, even if you're feeling tired in the middle of the night
- Make sure all doorways and corridors are clear
- Have a plan B. The front door is usually your first option, but have a plan B if plan A is blocked
- Keep door and window keys near the exit



More information about helpful indicators can be found on the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) online shop:



shop.rnib.org.uk/home

For more information, contact them on:



shop@rnib.org.uk



0303 123 9999



0808 808 9000

Electrical safety

- Faulty electrical items can give off a burning smell. If this happens, turn off the appliance and unplug immediately
- Place TactiMarks and bump-on stickers on to switches and electrical items



Introducing



visits in your community

We're offering you **free** safe and well advice, tailored to your needs and lifestyle choices.

You may also be entitled to a **free** safe & well visit. This will help to reduce the risk of fire in your home and to keep you safe and well.

We will provide **free** of charge:

- Custom-made information
- Install new and check existing smoke alarms
- Advice on where to get help if needed

For **free** safe and well advice or to check your eligibility for a safe & well visit, please see our website: dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/

Alternatively call our safe & well administrator on **freephone 0800 038 2323** during office hours or leave a message on our answer phone.



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