



Topic: Smoking Materials

The incident



On 5th July 2021 a crew from Cannock were mobilised to a house fire in the Blackfords Area

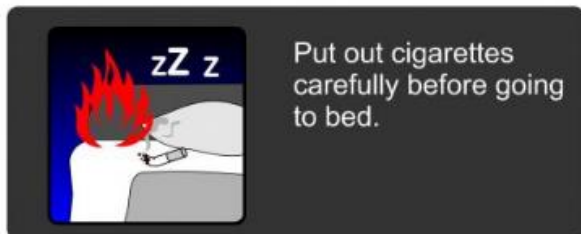
It was believed that the cause of the fire was the careless disposal of smoking material.

Crews in Breathing Apparatus rescued one casualty who was taken to hospital

Safety Advice

If you don't need to smoke, please don't or try to think about giving up. If you aren't ready to give up please take precautions to prevent fires from happening:

- Ensure cigarettes are properly extinguished, especially before going to bed. Put it out, right out.
- Ensure you have working smoke alarms and they are tested regularly
- Never smoke in bed
- Use an ashtray rather than a waste paper basket for your discarded cigarettes
- Consider fitting extra smoke alarms in places you frequently smoke
- Consider booking a **free safe and well check** with us to get advice for your home



If drinking alcohol or taking prescription drugs, take extra care when smoking. It's so easy to fall asleep and not notice that a cigarette is still burning.



Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children.



If you want to try to give up smoking, get in touch the NHS Smokefree. You can contact them by visiting <http://www.nhs.uk/smokefree>



**EVERY
5 DAYS
SOMEONE
DIES
FROM A
FIRE
CAUSED BY A
BURNING
CIGARETTE**

IT ONLY TAKES A FEW SECONDS FOR A WORKING SMOKE ALARM TO WARN YOU

LET IT DO ITS JOB



GET IT, INSTALL IT, TEST IT... SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

**FIRE KILLS
YOU CAN PREVENT IT**

For further safety information contact your local fire and rescue service. The phone number is in the telephone book (NOT 999).
Or visit www.facebook.com/firekills

Your local prevent team

For further fire safety advice please contact your local Prevent Team on 01785 898719 or via email: -
WSDGPreventTeam@staffordshirefire.gov.uk.

Please remember to report an emergency please call 999 and ask for the Fire Service.