



**Northern Ireland  
Fire & Rescue Service**

**Protecting Our Community**

## **COMMUNITY INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 25**

### **GET OUT, STAY OUT AND GET THE FIRE SERVICE OUT**

Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS) is reminding the community of the importance to Get Out, Stay Out and Get the Fire Service Out if they have a fire. We are advising people not to try and tackle fires, even if they think it's only a small fire.

NIFRS understands how traumatic a fire event can become, particularly if family members or pets are involved. We are urging people not to put themselves at risk in attempting a rescue or trying to retrieve personal belongings. Fires can develop and spread rapidly; thick black smoke can quickly fill a property which could ultimately prevent you escaping safely from the building. The quicker a 999 call is made to NIFRS, the sooner local firefighters can respond to the incident.

Fire prevention is always the better option when it comes to protecting you and your family and keeping everyone fire safe. NIFRS has produced a number of other Community Information Bulletins which are available on our website at <https://www.nifrs.org/fire-safety/community-information-bulletins>. The bulletins contain a wide range of specific fire safety advice which will be invaluable in assisting you to prevent a fire from happening in your home, but also incorporating the actions to be taken should one occur.

#### Fire Safety Advice

- Know the four main causes of fire to prevent a fire happening in your home; these are:
  - 1 Smoking
  - 2 Cooking
  - 3 Electrical Appliances
  - 4 Candles
- Carry out a bedtime routine before going to bed at night.
- Close all doors to prevent heat and smoke entering your fire escape route.
- Have a fire escape plan in place for you and your family and practise it so that everyone knows exactly what to do.
- Have a minimum of one working smoke alarm on each floor of your property and test it weekly to ensure it is working.
- And remember, should you have a fire, GET OUT, STAY OUT AND GET THE FIRE SERVICE OUT.

For further information phone NIFRS HQ 028 9266 4221 or visit [www.nifrs.org](http://www.nifrs.org)



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