

Fire Safety in the Home

In July we had a talk at one of our regular Thursday 'Zoom' talks by Jared Rapson Firefighter, Green Watch, Exmouth Fire Station, Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service. Jared covered 'Fire safety in the home' emphasising that many fires are easily preventable suggesting preventative steps we can all take.

Included in the advice was information on:

Extension leads

Extension leads will go into one socket which has a limit of 13 amps.

So check the amps of your equipment.

Never use extension leads for high-powered items.

These include kettles, heaters, hair straighteners and large appliances such as washing machines, dishwashers and tumble dryers.

Avoid using block plug adapters – many of them are not fused and are a fire risk.

Charging devices

Always use the charger that came with your device.

Charge devices on hard surfaces and never on a carpet or bed (and definitely never under a pillow)

Never leave a device charging alone including when you are asleep.

After his excellent talk Jared offered our members the option of a visit at home to talk about home fire safety advice and the possibility of fitting long lasting free smoke alarms which some of our members had fitted following a home visit.

Request free home fire safety visits

Although our firefighters are very busy they do want to keep our communities safe from the risk of fire.

So if you are interested, services are free of charge and free fire safety equipment can be provided.

Call 0800 05 02 999

Email firekills@dsfire.gov.uk

To request a home fire safety visit [dsfire.gov.uk/homesafety](https://www.dsfire.gov.uk/homesafety)

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