

PREVENT, PROTECT, AND RESPOND TO KEEP COMMUNITIES SAFE

Darren Carson, Prevention Team Leader at Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue Service (NFRS), wants your help to get his message out to communities...

"Here at NFRS we are currently embarked on a specific piece of community work that includes contacting a number of parish and town councils in our more rural areas to offer engagement with our Community Safety Officers around Fire, Road and Water safety.



We are particularly interested in engaging with these councils and the local groups they may be aware of such as village coffee mornings, W.I. meetings, resident groups etc in order to offer our safety talks. My colleagues Dan Noone and Neal King have already contacted several councils via email as part of their role as NFRS Community Safety Officers.

Our aim is to keep our communities safe and this includes our residents in more rural areas. We would be grateful for any support and we can be contacted for a discussion via below:

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Community Safety Talks

The Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) Prevention team are actively involved in working with education providers, community groups, and partners with the aim of keeping our community safe through education and

advice. The team covers various subjects around the themes of fire, road and water safety.

Our sessions are adapted and delivered in an engaging way to suit the audience we are working with.

Home Fire Safety Visits

Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue (NFRS) staff are able to give families advice on making their homes safer from the risks of fire. We engage in various ways including telephone advice through to visiting the family home to engage with residents.

NFRS staff will ensure families have working smoke alarms, advise on devising an escape plan should a fire happen, safe bedtime routines as well as specialist advice should there be family members with additional complex needs or vulnerabilities that would make evacuation from the home difficult in an emergency.

More details around our free home fire safety visits including our online referral form and home fire safety self-checker can be found at <https://www.northantsfire.gov.uk/home-safety-checks>.

Partnership Work

NFRS also works with a number of partners around the county in order to keep communities safe, for example we work with partners in the Northamptonshire Safer Roads Alliance (NSRA). The NSRA offer a number of events for young, working, and mature drivers.

An example of one such event is our mature driver roadshows, which aim to assist those aged 60 plus to drive safer for longer. The next one is on 5 July 2025 at Moulton Community Centre. For details, please see <https://tinyurl.com/y7smhjj5> for details. The session is free to attend

We look forward to hearing from you and working together to keep our communities safe.”