

News Release

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Safety Advice for Communities During National Disorder

In light of the recent national picture around protests and disorder, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service would like to offer advice to our communities about how to stay safe.

We are committed to supporting and protecting all members of our communities and continue to work closely with our partners to prepare and respond to any incidents.

We recommend:

- Ensure your escape routes are clear.
- Review your fire risk assessment to identify and mitigate potential fire hazards.
- Remove any waste, cardboard or other items from outside your property that could be used as fuel for fires.
- Move any hard materials, such as bricks and building materials, from outside your property to a secure location.
- Ensure staff members and other users of your property know what to do in the event of a fire.

If you are concerned about the threat of arson, please take a look at our handy checklists, which provide helpful information about safety precautions you can take. <https://leics-fire.gov.uk/arson>

In the event of a fire, please call 999 and follow the fire evacuation instructions for your building.

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Notes to Editors:

Interviews can be arranged through prior arrangement with Corporate Communications on the details below. On-site interviews are not available.

About the Service

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service provides emergency response, prevention and protection services from 20 stations across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Its headquarters is based in Birstall, Leicester.

During 2022/23, we attended a total of 9,440 emergency incidents, including 2,650 fires and 710 road traffic collisions. A total of 13,660 Home Safety Checks were completed and we fitted 4,767 smoke alarms. 238 schools were visited as part of the Service's schools programme, delivering fire and road safety education to 21,033 pupils.

The Service's prevention, education, enforcement and inspection programmes have resulted in significant reductions in the number of incidents attended.

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