



LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

NEWS RELEASE

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CAUSE ESTABLISHED AFTER FATAL FIRE IN COTTESMORE

Following on from the fatal house fire which claimed the life of a female occupant in the early hours of Wednesday 4 January in Cottesmore, a fire investigation took place which led to the cause of the fire being established. The fire investigation has concluded that the fire was caused accidentally by bedding material coming into contact with a halogen heater for an amount of time, whilst the occupant was asleep.

Due to this tragedy, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service will be working in the local area during the next few days to provide reassurance and advice to residents about how they can avoid a similar scenario.

Its essential everyone stays safe from fire in their homes and to help, we will be offering advice on smoke alarms, escape plans and giving you the chance to sign up for a free Home Fire Safety Check.

We have planned to be in the local area with a mobile drop-in centre on the following days so please come along and see us:

Friday 6 January – 10:30 hrs – 16:30 hrs

Saturday 7 January – 10:00 hrs – 15:00 hrs

Monday 9 January – 10:00 hrs – 15:00 hrs

We will be located at The Sun Inn, 25 Main Street, Cottesmore, LE15 7DH.

In the meantime, a wide range of tips on how to keep you and your home safe from fire are available on Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service's website which can be found by visiting www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk.

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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.

The Service's prevention, education, enforcement and inspection programmes have resulted in significant reductions in the number of incidents. In the last five years, fire related incidents have reduced by 32.6 percent.

During 2014/15, the Service attended 619 road traffic collisions, of which 155 were extrications freeing 194 people trapped inside their vehicles and completed 4316 home fire safety checks, fitting almost 4339 smoke alarms. Staff organised or supported almost 1590 events aimed at promoting fire and road safety and arson prevention, whilst also visiting 314 schools to deliver fire and road safety education to pupils.

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