



LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

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LFRS OFFER HIGH-RISE RESIDENTS FIRE SAFETY ADVICE

Following the tragic fire in the Grenfell Tower Block, London, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service will be commencing a targeted high-rise fire safety campaign, delivering fire safety advice to residents living in high-rise buildings in the city and county.

Crews of firefighters, supported by the Service's Community Safety and Fire Protection departments, will arrange high-rise fire safety drop-in events within the entrance lobbies of high-rise buildings. These events will give residents the opportunity to ask questions about any high-rise fire safety concerns they may have, as well as give Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service the chance to deliver vital home fire safety advice.

Posters will be displayed in all of the high-rise buildings that the Service will visit to inform residents of the date and times of when the events will be taking place - please keep an eye out for these.

Steve Lunn, Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, said: "The safety of the public and our firefighters is our number one priority and we will do everything we need to make sure this is always the case"

"Its essential everyone knows how to stay safe from fire in their homes and, as part of our ongoing community safety educational work, we will be organising high-rise fire safety drop-in events, visiting all high-rise buildings in the city and county, offering vital fire safety advice to all residents."

"We want to reassure people that the high-rise buildings they live in are safe and, the likelihood of a tragic incident similar to Grenfell happening is very, very remote."

"Everything that needs to be done is being addressed and we are working very closely with housing providers and local authorities to provide the reassurance."

If you are unable to attend our high-rise fire safety events and you would like some safety advice, or wish to book a FREE Home Fire Safety Check, please visit www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk.

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Notes to editors: Interviews can be arranged with prior arrangement via Corporate Communications. A list of the high-rise accommodation we will be visiting for our high-rise fire safety drop-in events will be displayed on our website: www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/your-safety/at-home/safety-in-high-rise-and-rented-accommodation

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 ten years, fire related incidents have reduced by 46 percent.

During 2015/16, the Service attended 666 road traffic collisions, of which 174 were extrications freeing 208 people trapped inside their vehicles and completed 5086 home fire safety checks, fitting almost 4481 smoke alarms. Staff organised or supported almost 1431 events aimed at promoting fire and road safety and arson prevention, whilst also visiting 332 schools to deliver fire and road safety education to pupils.

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