

# News Release

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## **FIRE SERVICE OFFERS ADVICE FOLLOWING FATAL FIRE**

On Thursday 1 November, we attended a house fire on Glen Road, Oadby. Crews from Wigston, Central and Eastern Fire Stations, attended the incident, along with East Midlands Ambulance Service and Leicestershire Police.

Sadly, the occupant was pronounced dead at the scene. The fire, which is believed to have been caused by an electrical fault, is a terrible tragedy and the thoughts of the Fire and Rescue Service are with the family, friends and acquaintances of the deceased. We are fortunate that this type of tragedy happens very infrequently.

As part of our post-incident response procedure, we will be providing reassurance and advice on home fire safety, in order to prevent any future similar incidents occurring. Firefighters will be in the local area over the weekend, and Community Educators will be located at Sainsbury's in Oadby, on Monday 12 November, offering advice.

It is essential that everyone stays safe from fire in their properties. We would like to encourage all residents in the neighbourhood to take advantage of this opportunity, to familiarise themselves with what to do in the event of a fire, but more importantly, how they can prevent fires happening in the first place.

Firefighters from Wigston Fire and Rescue Station, will be in the area of Glen Road on:

### **Saturday 10 November and Sunday 11 November – door knocking**

Community Educators will be at Sainsbury's in Oadby on:

**Monday 12 November between 09:00hrs and 13:00hrs.**

Please note, all Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service employees carry identification cards, which they are more than happy to show you. If someone approaches your home posing as an employee of Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service, and are unwilling or unable to show you identification, do not let them in and report them to Leicestershire Police via <https://leics.police.uk/contact-us>.

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/yoursafety/at-home/](http://www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/yoursafety/at-home/).

Due to the believed cause of the fire, we urge residents to take our advice on electrical safety. For more information visit, <http://www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/your-safety/at-home/electrics/>.

**ENDS**

### **Notes to Editors:**

Interviews can be arranged through prior arrangement with Corporate Communications on the details below.

### **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 43 percent.

During 2016/17, the Service attended 694 road traffic collisions, of which 148 were extrications from vehicles, in addition to 2,259 fires. 272 schools were visited as part of the Service's schools programme, delivering fire and road safety education to pupils. Staff organised or took part in 1,613 community safety events, promoting fire and road safety and arson prevention, and 145 Virtual Fatal Four (VF4) events as part of the Service's young drivers' road safety project.

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