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Think Sprinkler

Derbyshire Fire & Authority plays a key leadership role in promoting a better understanding of the benefits of sprinklers as part of a core commitment to reducing the impact of fire on people, property and the environment in Derbyshire.

There is clear evidence that sprinklers can be effective in stopping fires spreading, significantly enhancing fire safety within the home and drastically reducing death and serious injury as a result of fire.

Sprinklers have been successfully used for the protection of property such as factories, department stores and shopping centres for well over 130 years and there is now a growing appreciation of their potential to save lives in domestic properties where the majority of deaths from fire occur.

A Smoke Alarm Alerts You Of A Fire, But A Sprinkler System Will Extinguish The Fire

Smoke detectors are a super alert system and warn you there is a fire, but a sprinkler system will extinguish the fire, protecting the occupants and prevent further fire damage that can leave a property inhabitable. The Service is attending more and more house fires where smoke alarms are not working or simply not fitted.

Domestic Sprinkler Campaign - 'A Firefighter In Every Room Of Your Home'

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service is working hard to raise the profile and benefits of domestic sprinklers for all new build properties and as a retrofit. Fires in the home still account for the greatest number of fire deaths and injuries each year, having a devastating effect on families and friends and leaving communities in mourning. This can however be eradicated by installing domestic sprinklers in the home.

Over the past 18 months, Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service has embarked on a major campaign to highlight the benefits of domestic sprinkler systems (including portable suppression systems) in new build properties and as a retrofit in properties where vulnerable persons at risk from fire reside. The Service has worked closely with key national and local partner organisations and local authorities within Derbyshire to achieve this aim.

Sprinklers can provide the ultimate protection to human life, property and the environment, virtually eliminating fire deaths, reducing injuries by at least 80%, reducing property damage by 90% and substantially reducing damage to the environment from fire. Domestic sprinklers will not only warn of a fire but also act immediately to control it, even when no one is present.

No one has ever died in a property where a sprinkler system has been fitted.

The Think Sprinkler campaign has a number of objectives:

1. To influence local authorities to include sprinkler systems in all new build dwellings or to create an infrastructure to allow fitting of sprinkler systems in all new build properties (min 32mm pipework). To find out more please visit <http://www.derbys-fire.gov.uk/keeping-safe/campaigns/think-sprinkler/match-funding-with-local-authorities>
2. To work in partnership with each local authority/housing association within Derbyshire to match fund up to £20,000 for the retrofitting of domestic sprinklers in properties where vulnerable persons at risk from fire reside.
3. To build relationships with building contractors and developers. To find out more please visit <http://www.derbys-fire.gov.uk/keeping-safe/campaigns/think-sprinkler/national-sprinkler-organisations>

View or download the Think Sprinkler Booklet below which you can read or pass onto others and spread the word about the benefits of domestic sprinklers.



Think Sprinkler Booklet
(2343KB)

All documents are provided in pdf format, you will require a pdf reader such as Adobe Reader to view the files, [Adobe Reader can be downloaded here](#).



Match Funding



National Sprinkler Organisation



Benefits of Having Domestic Sprinklers



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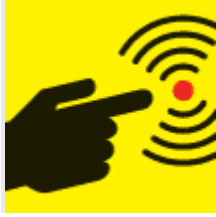
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