



Safeguarding Awareness Week 2023

Our prevention work over the last 15 years has helped to reduce accidental house fires to historically low levels. But in common with most other Fire & Rescue Services nationally, recent years have seen a slight increase in fatal accidents.

We are committed to making South Yorkshire Safer & Stronger and have a duty to promote fire safety, particularly to those who are the most vulnerable or experience barriers in accessing our services, but we know we cannot tackle fire safety issues alone.

Analysis of each incident has found common factors involved in almost of all our recent fire deaths, such as hoarding, social isolation, and substance misuse and mental health problems. For reasons such as these, many house fire victims were already known to at least one other agency. Sadly, in most cases, South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue was not one of these agencies.

Most of these deaths could have been prevented but we need your help.

As part of Safeguarding Awareness Week for November 2023, SYFR is offering some open sessions for our Partner Safer South Yorkshire Referral Training on MS Teams for current and potential partners.

We will also be delivering sessions looking at Hoarding, Emollients and Air Flow Products – Know the fire risks.

Sessions will be bookable through Eventbrite and places are limited.

To book onto a session please follow the links below:

Please do not share these links outside of your organisation as they are not public facing sessions.

Eventbrite Booking - SYFR Safer South Yorkshire Referral Training

Eventbrite Booking - SYFR Hoarding, Emollients & Air Flow Products - Know the Fire Risks

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