

## Free Referral Awareness Training

Olive Branch Training is for professionals who work at risk members of communities within Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. It encourages them to identify potential fire hazards and other risks in the home. In addition it highlights how to refer people onto Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service.



The primary aim of the Olive Branch Programme is to reduce the number of accidental dwelling fires, fire-related deaths and injuries across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent through partnership working.



The Training is FREE and we will deliver to groups at your premises or at our Community Fire Stations, which are located across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

We aim to train everyone involved with caring for the elderly, disabled and vulnerable on a daily basis in how to identify hazards and to understand how to deal with these risks and how to make referrals on to the appropriate organisation.

Each session will last on average 1.5 hours.

Enquire about Olive Branch Training for your organisation by contacting:



[olivebranch@staffordshirefire.gov.uk](mailto:olivebranch@staffordshirefire.gov.uk)

# FireDeath Factors

Are usually the **SAME**

**S**Smoking   
**A**lcohol   
**M**obility   
**E**lderly 



Make a referral to Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, if you think that a person you are in contact with may be at increased risk of fire due to the following **SAME** fire death factors.

## Smoking

- Smoking in bed
- Falling asleep with a cigarette in hand
- Forgetting about a lit cigarette
- Overloading the ashtray



## Alcohol

- They drink excessively and either smoke, are elderly or have a mobility problem



## Mobility

- They have mobility issues or have had a concerning slip, trip or fall recently



## Elderly

- They are over the age of 65 and show signs of isolation, deteriorating health or suffer with dementia, sight loss or mobility issues



Early intervention with at risk, vulnerable people will allow us to prevent these fire deaths.

### Why referrals are important:

On Boxing day, 2016 Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service attended a fatal fire which could have been prevented with a referral and early intervention. The victim was a heavy alcohol drinker and smoker.

The fire was started by a person under the influence of alcohol who has been smoking in bed. A lit cigarette had fallen between the bedside table and the bed; it ignited the bedding and smouldered, turning into a flaming fire while the woman slept. The victim did not have a working smoke alarm and tragically died from smoke inhalation.

If a referral had been made we could have offered this person advice and guidance on how to stay safe in her home and warned her of the fire risks she faced. We could have conducted a Safe and Well visit and fitted a working fire alarm.

### Contact Us

Our community team are on hand to offer tailored advice and guidance for residents and businesses across Staffordshire to help keep our communities safe.



Make a referral  
by contacting our  
Community Advice  
Team:

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Advice Team