

DO YOU KNOW A **VULNERABLE** PERSON?



THE SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE CAN HELP

In recent years it has become clear that many of the people who are dying or being seriously injured in house fires are dealing with other issues in their lives.

A **VULNERABLE PERSON** may be unable to react to a fire or a smoke detector going off. They might also be less capable of preventing a house fire.

There are many reasons or combination of factors that can make a person more vulnerable, including:

- Drink or drug abuse or dependency
- Strong medication and prescription drugs
- Age related illness e.g. dementia, Alzheimer's
- Sensory impairment
- Mobility problems
- Mental health or learning difficulties



Some vulnerable people are not always known to support agencies but they will have friends, relatives, neighbours or carers that are aware of their situation.

YOU may be the only person that can help them; YOU may be the only person they will listen to.

If you have concerns about a person, please contact the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on **01224 788758** (Northern Hub Headquarters, Aberdeen), for advice or to discuss making a referral for a Home Fire Safety Visit.

Important – you will need the person's approval to book a free Home Fire Safety Visit.



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