

# Essex County Fire & Rescue Service

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## Press Release

### SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service is urging everyone in Essex to make sure that they have properly installed and fully working smoke alarms in their homes.

Over the last year more than a quarter of the house fires dealt with in Essex were to homes with no smoke alarms.

Between July 2012 and July 2013 ECFRS attended 871 house fires, 226 of these did not have a working smoke alarm.

Divisional Officer Neil Fenwick said: "Smoke alarms are proven life savers. They give vital warning at the first sign of fire giving everyone time to get safely out before calling us in.

"There is no excuse for any home not having a smoke alarm. Essex County Fire and Rescue Service provide home fire safety visits completely free of charge. A technician will come to your home, carry out a full home fire safety inspection and fit smoke alarms where they are needed."

To arrange a free home fire safety, call 0845 601 2495 or email [webmaster@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:webmaster@essex-fire.gov.uk)

DO Fenwick said: "The home fire safety visit does not have to be for you. If you are concerned that a relative or neighbour could benefit from a visit, then do not hesitate to get in touch with us."

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