

SAFE & SOUND

Even though almost 80% of UK households have smoke alarms, every year over 600 people die and thousands are injured in house fires.

Why?

There are obviously many reasons but, apart from not having an alarm fitted, brigades are finding:

- alarms fitted but put in the wrong place
- alarms fitted but not working – dead batteries, dirty detectors etc
- blocked escape routes – locked doors, windows etc.

'*Safe & Sound*', a 12 minute DVD made in conjunction with the **Home Office Fire & Safety Division**, has been developed to support home safety presentations and demonstrates in an easy to understand approach how homes can be made safer.

'*Safe & Sound*' is not intended to explain how fires start but to demonstrate what happens and what to do if a fire does occur. It can be screened complete or shown in sections, stopping the tape and discussing the various points raised.

Contents

Presented by 'London's Burning' star Andrew Kazamia, the DVD commences with a dramatic reconstruction illustrating how quickly a fire can spread and the consequences that could result. Andrew then replays this sequence, explains what happened and how the incident could have been avoided. The programme concludes with a six point safety code plus a simple Action Plan that is easy to remember and put into practice.

'*Safe & Sound*' has received considerable critical acclaim and press coverage and was a winner at the International Videofuego for it's contribution towards fire safety in the home.

Over 10,000 copies are being regularly used throughout the UK including 4000 copies to support cub and scout home safety training sessions.

The 'Safe & Sound' DVD includes a copyright free check list that can be photocopied or reproduced and used as a handout.

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Smoke Alarm Checklist

Although almost 80% of UK homes have smoke alarms, every year hundreds of people are killed or injured in house fires. Why? Well, apart from not having an alarm, the most common reasons are:

- Alarm fitted but in the wrong place
- Alarm fitted but not working
- Unable to get out of property

Even if you have smoke alarms fitted check the following:

Are they placed in accordance with manufacturers recommendations ?

Are Batteries checked once a month ?

Are Batteries replaced annually on a date that's easy to remember ?

Are Alarms kept clean by vacuuming the outside ?

REMEMBER, in the event of a fire in your home:

GET OUT, CALL OUT THE BRIGADE and STAY OUT

Escape Route Checklist

It only takes 2 minutes for smoke to become deadly. It's therefore vital that, in the event of fire, you have as much warning as possible and can get out quickly.

Smoke Alarms – give you the warning, **Escape Routes** - give you the way out

Have you worked out escape routes in our home ?

Do you keep escape routes clear?

Do you know which windows you can get out of ?

Are Door & Window keys kept near the locks ?*

Does everyone know where the keys are kept and how to use them ?

**Check your insurance policy to ensure that where you keep the keys does not contravene the insurance cover*

Just a few tips – most of which won't cost anything – but even if it's a few pounds, think about it.....**how much are your family's lives worth?**