

# Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service

## KEEPING YOU SAFE FROM FIRE

### A Fire Safety Guide – for Adults at Risk

#### RISK ASSESSMENT TIP SHEET

When entering a client's property the following tips will help you to identify hazards and decide whether to refer for a Home Fire Safety Check:

Client's Name:			Address:			
Area	Risk Assessment	YES	NO	Comments		
Smoke Alarms give the earliest warning of fire – please check	Are there any floors in the property where <b>no</b> smoke alarms fitted?					
	Having tested any smoke alarms in the property – Are there any <b>not</b> working?					
	Should there be a Telecare / community alarm?					
	If there is a Telecare/ community alarm – is it linked to a Telecare smoke alarm?					
Smoking – a major contributor to fire deaths	Are there signs of burns on carpets, furniture, bedding or clothing?					
	Are there carelessly discarded cigarettes on floor?					
	Are there lighters/ matches in reach of young children?					
Alcohol/ substance misuse and prescribed medication	Are there indicators of heavy drinking?					
	Are there indicators of substance misuse?					
	Is the person medicated to help them sleep?					
Sensory impairment	Does the person have a hearing impairment?					
	Does the person have a visual impairment?					
Disability – physical or mental health including dementia	Would the disabilities affect the person's ability to understand the sound of the smoke alarm?					
	Would the disabilities affect the person's ability to raise the alarm?					
	Would the disabilities affect the person's ability to escape from the property?					
Hoarding greatly increases the fire loading	Are there flammable materials stored near to heating sources?					
	Are there dangerous or highly flammable materials being stored?					
	Are exit routes obstructed?					
General home safety	Is there a previous history of fires?					
	Are portable heating appliances used?					
	Are electrical plugs and flexes in poor condition?					
	Are there overloaded electrical sockets?					
	Are there electrical / gas appliances in a poor or dangerous condition? A build up of fat and grease on or around the oven or hob can cause a fire.					

If the answer to any of these questions is yes – please refer to Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service for a Home Fire Safety Check. Please retain this form in your client's care plan records.