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POLICY NUMBER: **71**

POLICY TITLE: **FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME**

WHO MUST ABIDE BY THIS POLICY? **ALL AGENCY STAFF**



FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

THE PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY

To inform staff and clients of our Fire Safety in the Home policy.

FIRE SAFETY

People need to be aware of safety and one aspect that needs to be addressed individually one of these is fire. Heat, energy, fuel and oxygen are all needed to start a fire. The average home contains a lot of fuel - paper, fabric, furnishing and oxygen.

Carers need to be aware and careful around all potential hazards:

- Particular care need to be taken around matches
- Clothes on fireguards
- Tea towels near cooking equipment

Measures we would advise customers to have:

- Smoke alarms and service them
- When necessary in the home domestic fire extinguishers also need servicing annually (fire blankets do not need servicing).

Fire safety will be included in the home risk assessment.