

Safe & Well Scheme

Age UK Doncaster is currently in partnership with South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue to identify not only users of our services but any other older person who may be at increased risk of fire.

According to SYFR, someone is considered more at risk if they:

- Are over 65 years of age
- Live alone
- Have a physical or learning disability
- Have a sensory or cognitive impairment, including dementia or memory loss
- Take any medication that may affect their ability to escape from a fire
- Have a mental health illness
- Have substance or alcohol dependency
- Are a smoker
- Are unable to protect themselves from harm for any reason

The scheme provides Safe & Well checks during which firefighters will give advice on how to make the home safer and plan what to do in the event of a fire. They will also fit free smoke alarms if the property is without one, provide wellbeing advice and refer to others for further support. If a more serious risk is identified, fire safety equipment such as flame retardant bedding or throws, deaf alarms may be provided together with further signposting to partner agencies.

South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service is committed to offering these free Safe and Well checks because they believe that the most effective way to save lives and reduce injuries is to prevent incidents occurring in the first place by taking immediate action to address fire safety concerns.

If you feel you would benefit from the scheme and would like more information, please get in touch with us at Ten Pound Walk by calling 01302 812345 or emailing us at admin@ageukdoncaster.org.uk

Alternatively, you can visit the website at www.syfire.gov.uk/safe-well or email them directly at safe&well@syfire.gov.uk