

<b>Manual:</b>	Foster Carers Handbook
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## INTRODUCTION

As part of the assessment process the Fostering Supervising Social Worker will ensure that each family has appropriate safety equipment and an agreed family policy on actions to take in the event of a fire. This must be included in the Family's Safe Care Policy.

There are many ways a fire can start in the home and the usual precautions should be taken to help in prevention of a fire in the same way as in any family home.

**NOTE: The Community Fire Safety Department can also be contacted to arrange a 'Home Fire Safety Visit'.**

In the event of a fire the carers' Fostering Supervising Social Worker and Child's Social Worker (or their Team Managers in their absence) need to be informed that a fire has occurred in the Foster Carer's home.

In the event of a fire there is to be a review of the carers Safe Care Policy (Fire Precautions) and Health and Safety checklist, to assess any further potential risk.

If a fire occurs outside of office hours and advice is needed, Social Care Direct/EDT is to be contacted on **03000 26 79 79**.