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FIREFIGHTERS RESCUE TWO CASUALTIES FROM SERIOUS HOUSE FIRE IN HOPE VALLEY

An Investigation into a fire at a property in Hope Valley has confirmed that the cause of the fire was attributed to a fault in the extractor fan in the kitchen.

Firefighters from Bradwell and Hathersage were called to reports of a house fire with the occupants trapped upstairs, on Castleton Road, Hope just before 06:00am on Monday 8 October 2019. On arrival, crews were met by a fire in a kitchen and smoke logging to the ground floor of the property.

One male casualty and one female casualty were rescued from the upstairs of the property by firefighters via a ladder before being assessed for smoke inhalation by East Midlands Ambulance Service.

Crews used breathing apparatus and a hose reel jet to extinguish the fire, due to the prompt actions of the crews there was limited damage to the kitchen.

Station Manager Paul Moreland said, "Thankfully this property had working smoke alarms that alerted the sleeping occupants to the fire enabling them to call 999. This further highlights the importance of having working smoke alarms fitted.

"Firefighters acted quickly and professionally to rescue two casualties from the upstairs of the property and the Control room staff stayed in contact with the casualties giving advice and reassuring them over the phone until Firefighters arrived at the scene."

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service would like to remind people of the following safety advice:

email: enquiries@derbys-fire.gov.uk
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- Don't cook after drinking alcohol.
- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Make sure saucepan handles don't stick out - so they don't get knocked off the stove.
- Take care if you're wearing loose clothing - they can easily catch fire.
- Spark devices are safer than matches or lighters to light gas cookers, because they don't have a naked flame.
- Double check your cooker is off when you have finished cooking.

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