



## Press Release

Press release from **Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service** and **Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Authority**  
**Making Derbyshire Safer**

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### **ALVASTON FLAT FIRE CAUSED BY SMOKING MATERIALS**

At 00.50 hours on Friday 26 January 2018, firefighters from Ascot Drive, Kingsway and Nottingham Road attended a ground floor flat fire on Brighton Road, Alvaston.

On entry to the property firefighters discovered a 60 year old male who was sadly deceased. Our thoughts and sympathies go out to the family and friends of the deceased at this distressing time.

A fire investigation has now taken place, with the most probable cause being attributed to smoking materials.

Fire Investigation Officer, Station Manager Chris Smith said: "Firefighters were called to the property on Brighton Road in the early hours of this morning following a neighbour reporting the smell of smoke."

The property was fitted with a working smoke alarm which had been activated.

Firefighters and Community Safety Officers will be in the Brighton Road area today and over the weekend, offering fire safety advice and reassurance to members of the community.

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

- Never smoke in bed.
- Use a proper ashtray - never a wastepaper basket.
- Make sure your ashtray can't tip over and is made of a material that won't burn.

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- Don't leave a lit cigarette, cigar or pipe lying around. They can easily fall over and start a fire.
- Take extra care if you smoke when you're tired, taking prescription drugs, or if you've been drinking. You might fall asleep and set your sofa or bed on fire.
- Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach.
- Consider buying child resistant lighters and match boxes.
- If you use e-cigarettes, please ensure that all manufacturer's instructions are followed and they are marked with a CE mark.
- Fit smoke alarms on every level of the home.
- Ensure smoke alarms are tested weekly to ensure they are working.
- If there is a fire, Get Out, Stay Out and Call 999.

For more fire safety advice and information please visit [www.derbys-fire.gov.uk](http://www.derbys-fire.gov.uk)

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