



Press Release

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FIRE INVESTIGATION – MUNDY STREET

A fire investigation into the cause of a fatal fire on Mundy Street, Derby has concluded that the most probable cause of the fire was accidental due to smoking materials.

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service was called to attend the property at 10.38 am on Monday 25 March, where tragically a 78 year old woman died as a result of the fire. One male was also taken to hospital for minor burns and smoke inhalation.

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

- Make sure your cigarette is fully extinguished. Put it out, right out.
- Never smoke whilst in bed and take extra care when you're tired. It's very easy to fall asleep while your cigarette is still burning.
- Never smoke indoors when under the influence of drugs or alcohol. If your lit cigarette starts a fire you may be less able to escape.
- Never leave lit cigarettes, cigars or pipes unattended, they can easily overbalance as they burn down.
- Use a proper, heavy ashtray that can't tip over easily and is made of material that won't burn.
- Fit smoke alarms on every level of your home and test them weekly. Working smoke alarms can give you vital early warning of a fire giving you and your family time to get out, stay out and call 999.

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