



Press Release

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

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FATAL FIRE STARTED BY AN ELECTRIC HEATER

A fire investigation (FI) into the cause of a fatal fire on Friday 9 March 2018 on Harriet Street, Normanton, Derby has determined that the most probable cause of the fire was an electrical heater being too close to bedding, or being covered by bedding. The FI also failed to find any evidence of working smoke alarms in the property.

One person died as a result of the fire and two further occupants were taken to hospital for precautionary checks.

Group Manager Mat Lee said: "Tragically we have been dealing with a serious house fire where one person lost their life and two others were taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

"Over the coming week firefighters and community safety officers will be out and about in the local community providing reassurance, fire safety advice and reminding people of the importance of having working smoke alarms.

"I'd like to encourage everyone to take a few minutes to read our fire advice and also to ensure they have working smoke alarms fitted. Only working smoke alarms can save lives, and in the event of a fire, early warning is essential in giving everyone the extra time needed to Get Out, Stay Out and Call 999."

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

- Keep portable/electric heaters away from flammable materials including bedding, clothing and curtains.

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Chief Fire Officer / Chief Executive



- Do not place anything on, or over portable heaters. Do not use portable heaters to dry clothes.
- Ensure you have working smoke alarms fitted on every level of your home.
- Test your smoke alarms weekly – Only working smoke alarms can save lives.
- In the event of a fire, Get Out, Stay Out and Call 999.

If you have any concerns regarding fire safety in your home, or are concerned for the safety of someone else, please contact your local area office:

Area Office contact numbers:

Office	Phone No.	Area
Derby	01332 777850	Derby City and South Derbyshire
Chesterfield	01246 223500	North East Derbyshire, Chesterfield and Bolsover
Buxton	01298 608720	High Peak and Derbyshire Dales

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