

# Winter Fire Safety Advice

## Happy New Year from all of us at Grampian Fire and Rescue Service.

You may have read in the papers that throughout Scotland there have been several fires in the homes. Some of these have resulted in the tragic loss of 5 lives within the first 4 days of January along a total of 6 deaths in fires since Christmas. (thankfully none of these fires resulting in deaths were within the Grampian area)

Along with these deaths there has been an increase in injuries. Most of the fires were caused by people cooking when under the influence of drink. Don't let this be you.

Here is some advice to help keep you safe when your cooking:-

*Never leave cooking unattended to answer the phone or the door.*

*Don't cook when you have been drinking.*

*Make sure that you **regularly test your smoke alarm** to see if it is working.*

*If it does not work or you do not have any fitted then please contact us for a **Free home fire safety visit**. During the visit we can supply and **fit a 10 year battery smoke alarm free of charge**.*

With the continued cold and bad weather, a reminder for those of you who have got and regularly use an open fire don't forget to **get your chimney swept** each year to prevent the build up inside which can result in fires.

If you are out driving this winter make sure your car is safe for the road and when making a journey **allow extra time for bad weather**. If you do get held up then don't try rushing to make up the time it is better to be late than not get there at all.

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