

# DO YOU KNOW A VULNERABLE PERSON?

## GRAMPIAN FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE CAN HELP

In recent years it has become very obvious that many of the people who are dying or being seriously injured in house fires are dealing with other issues in their lives.

We can all get caught out at certain times, particularly after a couple of drinks, when we're tired or if we get distracted but unfortunately there are some people at a higher risk from fire every day of their life.

A vulnerable person may be unable to react to a fire or a smoke detector going off. They can also be less capable of preventing a house fire

There are many reasons or combination of factors that makes a person more vulnerable, including:

- Drink or drug abuse or dependency
- Strong medication and prescription drugs
- Age related illness e.g. dementia, Alzheimer's
- Sensory impairment
- Mobility problems

Some vulnerable people are not known to support agencies but they will have friends, relatives, neighbours or work colleagues that are aware of their situation.

YOU may be the only person that can help them; YOU may be the only person they will listen to.

If you have concerns, please contact Grampian Fire and Rescue Service on **01224 788758** for advice.

