

SAFER AND SHELTERED

As part of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service 'Fight Against Fire' campaign, Aberdeen has recently launched its 'Safer and Sheltered' initiative to help reduce the risk from fire for older people who are still living independently in sheltered or other purpose built accommodation.

The initiative will involve a comprehensive coverage of these

City properties with training packages being delivered to their staff as well as local firefighters giving talks and 'home fire safety visits' to the residents.

'Each year a high proportion of calls to house fires involve the elderly we want to make sure we can speak to as many older members of our communities to give them the necessary advice to help improve safety within their own home



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Most of the older people live very safely but the risk from fire can start to increase if a person becomes more forgetful, mobility is impaired or senses like sight and hearing begin to deteriorate'.

'We want older people to be safe in their homes, wherever they live, and by providing free home fire safety visits we believe we can reduce the risk

If you know an elderly person who you think would benefit from a free home fire safety visit, have a chat with them and get their agreement before contacting us.

Home fire safety visits can be arranged for any member of the public by simply contacting **0800 0731999**.

Information and advice can also be obtained from our website:

www.firescotland.gov

