



Meath Age Friendly Alliance

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Meath County Council Fire & Rescue Service

Community Fire Safety Initiatives



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meath county council

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SENIOR ASSISTANT CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

Meath County Council Fire & Rescue Service

Retained Service:

- Stations are not manned
- FF's live and work within a 5 minute response

71 Retained Fire-Fighters based at 7 Stations:

- Navan (Head Quarter Station)
- Trim
- Kells
- Dunshaughlin
- Oldcastle
- Nobber
- Ashbourne



Number of Incidents 2022-

- Total Incidents – 1470
- No. of Fire Incidents- 841
- Domestic Fires - 104
- Chimney Fires – 57



Meath County Council Fire & Rescue Service Structure

3 Business Units-

1. Operations (Fire and Rescue)
2. Fire Prevention
3. Major Emergency Management-
Community Fire Safety-
Procurement-

Community Fire Safety Team

Chief Fire Officer

Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer

Staff Officer

Fire-Fighters

Vision- Core Values- Focus

The Vision of Meath County Council is **“To make Meath the lead county for economic prosperity, social development and environmental protection, with efficient and good value services and a Council representing the people and communities of County Meath in an effective and accountable manner”**

In line with Meath County Councils core value of

“Strong customer, citizen & community focus”

Meath County Council Fire and Rescue Services primary focus “is the safety and wellbeing of all communities ,citizens and property from fire within the County of Meath”.

One avenue in achieving this is through **“Community Fire Safety”**

What is Community Fire Safety

Promotional of a Fire Safety Message through-

- Initiatives
- Awareness
- Education
- Partnership and Interaction



Community Fire Safety Objectives

1. To increase awareness of fire safety among all communities in Co. Meath.
2. To minimise the risk associated with fire to the most vulnerable in our communities, through targeted Community Fire Safety Initiatives.
3. To increase the capacity of communities to take responsibility for their own safety and that of their communities in relation to fire.
4. To improve and expand collaboration with community groups and organisations.



Community Fire Safety Initiatives

Community Smoke Alarm Scheme

- Free smoke alarms to individuals.
- Free smoke alarms to community groups.
- Education and advice on how to install them.



Fire Safety

FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

1. Prevention
2. Detection
3. Escape
4. Night time Routine

NIGHT TIME ROUTINE

Fire Safety

OPEN FIRE AND STOVE FIRE

1. Don't use flammable liquids to start a fire
2. Never burn household waste
3. Use recommended fuel for your stove
4. Use a spark guard at all times
5. Dispose of ashes safely. Ensure they are full cool and no hidden embers.
6. Get your chimney cleaned regularly



Always remember

PLAN YOUR ESCAPE



Lithium-Ion Batteries

LITHIUM BATTERY CHARGING DEVICES

Lithium-Ion batteries are rechargeable and are used in-

- Vaping devices
- Mobile phones
- Tablets
- Laptops
- E-Bikes
- Electric toothbrushes,
- Power tools
- Hoverboards/Scooters

SAFETY TIPS

- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- NEVER overcharge or leave battery charging overnight
- Always use the manufacturer's cord and power adapter made specifically for the device.
- Keep batteries/devices at room temperature. Do not place in direct sunlight.
- Disconnect your batteries from tools and chargers.

Lithium-Ion Battery Fires

<https://youtu.be/8nz5ijXcckI>

<https://news.sky.com/video/e-scooter-fire-engulfs-kitchen-in-seconds-12883346>



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Examples of Power Bank Fires

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