

Keeping Boaters Safe on Warwickshire's Waterways: Safe and Well Visits

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is dedicated to ensuring the safety of all its residents, including the vibrant and unique community of boaters living on or traveling through the county's waterways. To support this community, we offer **Safe and Well Visits**, a proactive initiative aimed at reducing fire risks and keeping people safe.

What Are Safe and Well Visits?

Safe and Well Visits are a **free service** provided by our trained firefighters and Prevention Team. During these visits, we:

- Identify potential fire hazards on your boat.
- Offer tailored fire safety advice specific to your needs as a boater.
- Assist in creating a fire escape plan that works for life on a boat.

These visits help reduce fire risks and ensure you're prepared in case of an emergency.

Why Are Safe and Well Visits Important for Boaters?

Living on a boat presents unique fire safety challenges, such as confined spaces, reliance on solid fuel stoves, and proximity to flammable materials. By identifying risks and providing expert advice, we can help keep you, your loved ones, and your neighbours safe on the water.

Key Fire Safety Tips for Boaters

- **Smoke Alarms:** Install a working smoke alarm suitable for boats and test it weekly. Never remove the battery or disable it for other purposes.
- **Escape Plan:** Know your escape routes and ensure they are clear. Plan for situations where your main exit may be blocked and practise your escape plan regularly.
- **Fire Safety on Board:** Maintain safe use of stoves, heaters, and electrical equipment. Always keep fire extinguishers and fire blankets accessible and in good condition.
- **Emergency Actions:** If there's a fire, get out, stay out, and call 999 immediately. If you are trapped, block gaps under doors with clothing to prevent smoke from entering, and signal for help from a window or hatch.

How to Book a Safe and Well Visit

We encourage all boaters living or traveling in Warwickshire to book a Safe and Well Visit. Our team will come to your boat, assess fire risks, and provide practical advice to enhance your safety. Where appropriate, we can also fit free smoke alarms or other fire safety equipment.

To request your **Safe and Well Visit**, call us today on 01926 466282. [Or use this link.](#)

Let's work together to ensure Warwickshire's waterways are safe for everyone.

Your Safety Matters

Whether you're a permanent boater or just passing through Warwickshire's beautiful canals, your safety is our priority. Take the first step in reducing fire risks—schedule your Safe and Well Visit today and enjoy peace of mind as you navigate life on the water.

Contact us now to book your free visit!