

<b>Title of Standard</b>	Prevention		
<b>Business Area/Capability</b>	Service Delivery		
<b>Sponsoring NFCC Committee</b>	Prevention Committee		
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<b>Desired Outcome</b>			
<p>A fire and rescue service that improves the safety, health and wellbeing of its communities by reducing the risks identified in its community risk management planning through delivering effective, efficient and impactful prevention activities.</p> <p>Developing a learning and sharing culture, it seeks to improve and innovate its prevention activities; collaborating with other fire and rescue services; relevant stakeholders and partners, where appropriate.</p>			
<b>To achieve this Fire Standard</b>			
<p>To achieve this Fire Standard, a fire and rescue service must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. identify those who are most at risk in its community and target prevention activities in a non-discriminatory way, through its community risk management planning;</li> <li>2. demonstrate inclusivity by recognising the diversity of its community and providing equality of access to prevention activities;</li> <li>3. adopt a person-centred approach that places the individual and the communities it serves at the core of its prevention activity;</li> <li>4. develop a prevention strategy and plan to deliver prevention activities with the flexibility to proactively respond and adapt to the changing needs of its community, and for this to be supported by a named lead for prevention from within the service;</li> <li>5. work collaboratively with stakeholders and partners maximising resources to plan, promote, support and deliver prevention activities in line with Community Risk Management Plans, including, but not limited to those targeted at fire, road and water safety;</li> <li>6. utilise and share accurate data and business intelligence, from a variety of sources to support evidence-based decision making and the deployment of appropriate resources for prevention activities;</li> <li>7. appropriately recruit, train and develop employees and volunteers to establish and maintain a competent and professional workforce to deliver prevention activities, including the provision of safeguarding training;</li> <li>8. work with relevant partners to develop and deliver training on prevention activities;</li> <li>9. demonstrate how it monitors and evaluates the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of its prevention activity;</li> </ol>			

10. generate a culture which embraces organisational learning allowing it to identify and capture feedback from a range of sources; evaluate, share and act upon it to drive innovation and continuous improvement and enhance future performance; and
11. investigate the cause of fires, and work with relevant partners when appropriate and where Fire Investigation is managed within the Fire Prevention function;

To support this Fire Standard, a fire and rescue service should:

12. contribute to the continual improvement of prevention activities coordinated through the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) network.

#### **Expected benefits of achieving the Fire Standard**

1. Improved safety, health and wellbeing of communities
  - a. reduction in injuries, serious injuries and fatalities
  - b. reduction in economic loss to its communities
  - c. reduction in psychological impacts to its communities
2. Greater consistency in the use of data and intelligence will aid information sharing and better targeting of prevention activities;
3. National consistency in the planning, collaboration and development of prevention;
4. Improved trust in and reputation of the service;
5. Improved professionalism and competence in the prevention workforce; and
6. Improved evaluation to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of prevention activities

#### **Legal Requirements or mandatory duties**

- Fire and Rescue Service Act 2004
- Fire and Rescue National Framework for England 2012
- The 1988 Road Traffic Act, Section 39
- Home Safety Act 1961
- Housing Act 2004
- Children's Act 1989 and 2004
- Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 and the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012
- Human Rights Act 1998
- United Nations Human Rights Convention on the Rights of the Child 1989 (Article 12)
- Mental Capacity Act 2005 and Mental Health Act 2007
- Police & Crime Act 2017
- Modern Slavery Act 2015

- Crime and Disorder Act 1998 section 17
- Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015
- The Data Protection Act 2018
- The Care Act 2014
- Equality Act 2010
- Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999

#### **Linked qualifications, accreditations or Fire Standards**

- Fire Standard for Protection
- Fire Standard Community Risk Management Planning
- Fire Standard for Code of Ethics

#### **Guidance and supporting information**

Detailed guidance will be forthcoming regarding each of the components listed above and will be hosted on <https://www.ukfrs.com> to support fire and rescue services in the development of prevention.

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