

## Stay safe this winter

Here at North Wales Fire and Rescue Service, our priority is keeping you safe.

Many of us will be looking to cut energy use and keep warm this winter – but we're urging everyone to take some simple steps to protect themselves from accidental fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.

To help you stay safe, we offer Free Safe and Well Checks for all residents – register by calling **0800 169 1234**, texting **07507303678** or visiting our website.

In the meantime, turn the page for some top tips to stay fire safe this winter...





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## **Top Tips**



- Check any heating appliances are in good working order and not subject to a product recall by checking the Office for Product Safety and Standards website for any alerts or recalls. (www.gov.uk)
- Make sure flammable items such as furniture and drying clothes are placed well away from heaters and fires.
- Make sure you use the correct fuel for woodburning stoves and open fires –to reduce the risk of toxic fumes, chimney fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.
- If you have an open fire, please ensure that you use a guard around it, to help prevent any material igniting a fire in your home and to keep children and pets away from it.
- Avoid buying fake and counterfeit electrical goods, which may cause electrical fires.
- If your smoke alarm does not appear to be working and you have checked the batteries, please arrange for it to be replaced or repaired. Get in touch with us by calling 0800 169 1234, texting 07507303678 or visiting our website.
- Check your escape routes, make sure they are clear from clutter and items such as portable heaters are not blocking them.
- If possible don't skip servicing of boilers and gas appliances by a Gas Safe engineer to prevent gas leaks and carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Landlords must arrange for an annual gas safety check in rented accommodation.
- If you're a homeowner check your energy provider's website for information about their Priority Services Register – if you're eligible they often offer a free annual gas safety check along with other support.



You can get the children involved with these activities which will help get them thinking about keeping safe from fire.







## Can you find all the words in Sbarc's winter safety wordsearch?

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