



**Service Policy: PREVPOL01
Prevention Policy**

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1. Policy Introduction and Background:

It is the policy of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority (MFRA) to target our fire prevention activities and risk reduction strategies on those individuals and communities that we identify as most vulnerable, whilst at the same time affording an appropriate level of intervention to the communities of Merseyside.

2. Policy Explanation:

This policy sets out how the Fire and Rescue Authority meets its statutory duties under the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 Section 6 (2A) 'to undertake prevention activity to reduce the risk of loss of life, injury and property related losses in the community', and how MFRA delivers against the expectations of the Fire and Rescue National Framework for England 'to target fire safety, prevention and protection resources on:

- those individuals or households who are at greatest risk from fire in the home,
- those most likely to engage in arson or deliberate fire setting,
- those non-domestic premises where the life safety risk is greatest.

Directorate Structure

MFRS delivers a range of preventative activities through the Prevention Directorate on behalf of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority. These activities are subject to Authority scrutiny through a set of Key Performance Indicators and associated Local Performance Indicators which are reported respectively through the Service Delivery Plan updates for Elected Members routinely and the Performance Management Group for Officers, monthly.

This Policy is delivered through four key areas:

1. Home Safety Plan (including Safe and Well),
2. Community Safety Plan (including Road and Water Safety, Arson and ASB Reduction).
3. Youth Education
4. Safeguarding plan.

Each are outlined within a one-year Functional Delivery Plan that contains a clear set of delivery objectives for each key area.

The Prevention functional plan provides the framework for the delivery of all Prevention activity in line with our IRMP, Medium Term Financial Plan and People Strategy. Our plans are intelligence-led, based on a range of information and data from several sources including people and placed based factors. We use a targeted, risk-based approach which prioritises those individuals and communities deemed most vulnerable, whilst still affording an appropriate level of interventions based upon risk, demand and vulnerability.

Our direct interventions and engagement activity are delivered within communities based upon MFRA business intelligence in how to avoid fires and other accidents in the home on the road and near water including longitudinal incident data and by assisting other lead agencies such as the police, housing and health to achieve their objectives which may impact upon fire safety and ASB in the community and improve feelings of safety for our communities.

Working in Partnership

Sharing our knowledge and understanding of risk and by developing partnership working externally also increases efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources to secure greater safety for the communities of Merseyside.

To identify those at greatest risk from fire, MFRA works closely with other organisations in the public and voluntary sector, as well as with the police and ambulance services. MFRS officers support statutory partnerships and other boards as co-opted members and wherever possible we can share intelligence and relevant risk data.

They include:

- Local Strategic Partnerships
- Community Safety Partnerships
- Adult and Children's Safeguarding Boards
- Health and Wellbeing Boards
- The Merseyside Road Safety Partnership
- The Merseyside Safer Communities Partnership

There is also a broad spectrum of thematic and sub-groups which support the identification of risk, demand and vulnerability. MFRS Officers work with other agencies to make a positive impact upon the safety and wellbeing of the communities of Merseyside, and through regular evaluation demonstrate monetary, social, and organisational benefits.

We consult with our communities; this also assist with the development of our IRMP, Directorate Plans and Station plans.

MFRS Prevention Officers will collaborate and contribute locally, regionally and nationally including the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC), StayWise, and FireKills (Home Office) to make Merseyside and the broader fire sector, safer, stronger communities and safe effective firefighters.

3. Policy Implementation:

This policy will be implemented in accordance with procedures detailed in Prevention related Service instructions .

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