



**NORTH YORKSHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

A GUIDE TO COMMUNITY SAFETY WORK

For the public, schools, youth groups and
partner agencies



North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (NYFRS) delivers a number of safety initiatives with the overarching aim of making the communities within North Yorkshire and the City of York as safe as possible.

Through this work we aim to reduce the number of fires and other incidents which occur each year.

This booklet provides details of some of the initiatives that we can provide. Please contact us if you would like further information or would like to book a talk/course. Our contact details can be found at the back of this document.

Intervention and education for young people

We offer a number of courses and presentations aimed at young people.

Presentations can be delivered in a number of locations such as the local fire station (if available) or at a location of your choosing, for example; schools, afterschool groups, Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts.

There are further specific or bespoke courses available from the Service upon request such as bonfire/firework safety presentations.

We are happy to discuss your needs and advise on presentations which would best fit the needs of the group.

General

We also provide fire safety initiatives to people in their homes. Information about this can be found on page 18 Home Fire Safety Visits.

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L.I.F.E. COURSE (LOCAL INTERVENTION FIRE EDUCATION)

Age	12-18
Length of course	5 days
Group size	8 students



The Local Intervention Fire Education (L.I.F.E.) course is delivered by operational fire service staff operating from fire stations throughout the county. The programme is targeted particularly at young people, aged between 12 and 18 who can be referred onto the course by schools, youth agencies and the police.

The course delivers an intensive five-day programme within a tightly structured and focused team environment.

The course is specially designed to challenge and change the attitude and behaviour of the young people by getting them to:

- Adopt a new set of values.
- Address the consequences of their antisocial behaviour.
- Work co-operatively with others such as the police.
- See the advantage of improving their learning and performance at school/college.
- Gain self-esteem and self confidence and to communicate better and consequently achieve self-empowerment and self-respect.



Each young person has their progress monitored and receives mentoring from an experienced Fire & Rescue Service trainer.

The course covers a wide range of topics to give the students a rounded experience. These include:

- Hose running skills
- Breathing apparatus work
- Ladder climbing
- Home safety messages
- Dangers of arson and hoax calls

Upon completion of the course, students take part in a passing out parade in which they are able to demonstrate the new skills they have learnt to an audience of parents/guardians, school teachers and fire service personnel. The activities involved require young people to develop leadership skills

and gain an understanding about the consequences of their actions in certain situations.

Young people who complete a L.I.F.E. course leave feeling motivated with a new sense of direction and aspirations for the future.

Referrals onto a L.I.F.E. Course can be made to the Watch Manager Prevention, who can be contacted via our switchboard (see contacts details at the back).



FIRE SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY BTEC CERTIFICATE

Age	14-18
Length of course	2 years (one evening a week for 2 hours)
Group size	12 students

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service works with children and young people raising their awareness of the dangers of fire, arson and road traffic collisions. These programmes inform them of the risks to themselves and their community caused by antisocial behaviour and careless behaviour and the risk to service personnel through false or malicious calls. We also provide opportunities for children and young people to work with NYFRS staff to help them to become more able, safer and responsible citizens.

What do we do?

We deliver a **BTEC Level 2 Certificate in the Fire and Rescue Service in the Community** programme to young people aged 14-18. The programme is unit based and covers a diverse range of knowledge appropriate to a

modern Fire and Rescue Service, incorporating eight different subject areas.

These include:

- Hose running
- Use of Fire Service pumps
- Use of ladders
- Extraction techniques
- Leadership
- Science of fire

The course is split between the fire station training ground and classroom. Much of the work is practical, where the students are taught firefighting skills and techniques developing soft skills such as teamwork, problem solving and communication. There is also the element which focuses on the risks of arson and the role of the fire service within the community.

FIRE SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY BTEC CERTIFICATE (SCHOOLS)

Age **14-18**
Length of course **1 year**
Group size **12 students**

The BTEC can also be delivered directly into the school curriculum allowing the participation of students who prefer a more practical learning experience. The course is run at a fire station close to the host school and students attend for a period of one day per week during the academic year.

Each student completes a portfolio which is used as evidence for the awarding body (Pearson Group).

The qualification is called:

Pearson Group BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services in the Community (QCF) QAN 600/1085/X

Each student must complete 120 guided learning hours during the year. The modules covered are:

Unit 1	Award	4 Credits
Unit 4	Hose running	2 Credits
Unit 5	Use of Fire Service pumps	2 Credits
Unit 7	Use of ladders	2 Credits
Unit 9	Extraction techniques	2 Credits
Unit 11	Leadership	1 Credits
Unit 20	Fire ground exercises	2 Credits
Unit 21	Science of fire	1 Credits



FIRE SETTERS INTERVENTION PROGRAMME

Age	4-18
Length of course	1-3 (1 hour sessions)
Group size	1 student

Firesetters, can be anyone from the age of two and upwards. Our Firesetter Intervention Programme is designed to address firesetting behaviour amongst children and young people up to the age of 18.

Our advisors will help the child or young person to understand the results of their actions, through a series of visits and educational exercises at the child's home or other neutral venue.

Who are the advisors?

All of our advisors are employed by North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service in various roles including firefighters, control room staff and non-uniformed support staff.

Why do children set fires?

Children who play with fire do so for various reasons. This can include genuine curiosity, attention seeking, anger and revenge. Without help

and guidance, firesetting behaviour can become increasingly serious and lead to injury, damage to property and tragically, death.

How to refer a child

If you think the problem is serious or you cannot deal with it on your own – seek help.

Getting help is easy: Contact us via our confidential email **safeguarding@northyorksfire.gov.uk** and we will arrange a visit.



CRUCIAL CREW

Age	10-11
Length of course	1 day or half day
Group size	30 (school class)

Crucial Crew is an innovative and interactive way of delivering personal and safety education messages to Year 6 children (10/11 year olds), and seeks to encourage model behaviour and good citizenship through active participation in a range of scenarios including:

- First Aid
- Rail safety
- Drugs
- Crime issues
- Vandalism
- Shoplifting
- Internet safety
- Fire safety
- Personal safety
- Electrical safety
- Road safety
- Water safety

- Health issues
- Bus safety

The events take the form of interactive scenarios. In the fire service scenario the children have the opportunity to gain ‘hands on’ experience in what to do in a fire, how to make an emergency call and how to make an escape plan. Crucial Crew runs in various locations across the county for a two week period. Every primary school within North Yorkshire and the City of York has the opportunity to have pupils attend this event.

Each week between 750 and 1000 children have the opportunity to receive this important safety information.

KEY STAGE TALKS 1

Age	5-7
Length of course	1 hour
Group size	30 (school class)

Key Stage 1 talks can be delivered to any primary school in North Yorkshire and the City of York by a member of our staff.

The presentation lasts for approximately one hour and aligns with the curriculum topic “People who help us”.

The presentation looks at a number of home fire safety issues and allows young people to see and try on the safety equipment firefighters wear. There are also some short videos which can be played to reinforce the messages.

When possible a fire engine may accompany the CSO, however, due to the nature of the job this is not always possible.

It may also be possible (based on availability) to arrange a joint visit with the local Police Community Safety Officer (PCSO).

Literature is available to support the presentation which can be obtained from the visiting officer.

These talks are popular, so if you would be interested in booking this talk please try to book early to allow a time slot which fits your requirements.



KEY STAGE TALKS 2

Age	7-11
Length of course	1 hour
Group size	30 (school class)

Key Stage 2 presentations can be delivered to any primary school in North Yorkshire and the City of York by a member of our staff.

This presentation lasts for approximately one hour and builds on the input delivered in the Key Stage 1 presentation. The topic of home safety is expanded and the design of escape plans is also introduced.

When possible a fire engine may accompany the visit, however, due to the nature of the job this is not always possible.



KEY STAGE TALKS 3 (ARSON AND HOAX)

Age **11-14**
Length of course **1 hour**
Group size **30 (school class)**

The purpose of the talk is to explain how arson can impact a large range of people beyond those at the incident.

The presentation starts by asking; what is arson? It then discusses the various reasons which can make someone commit arson.

Students are then shown types of burns and how they are treated.

Finally the consequence of misusing the emergency services is discussed (including hoax calls) and how this can have an impact on other people.



KEY STAGE TALKS 3 (PSHE PERSONAL SAFETY INPUT)

Age **11-14**
Length of course **1 hour**
Group size **30 (school class)**

This talk is designed to fit the syllabus discussing the legislation around safety and how to identify hazards.

Once hazards have been identified the presentation provides details on

how to apply control measures to eliminate or reduce risk.

There is an assignment available with this talk if the group wish to use it.



KEY STAGE TALKS 4 (DRIVE WISE)

Age	14-16
Length of course	1 hour
Group size	30 (school class)

This talk is delivered by the fire service and discusses a wide range of driving issues, including:

- Affordable vehicles
- Driver behaviour
- Passenger behaviour
- End result

The course is ideal for people who are about to start driving or who have friends who have started to drive.



KEY STAGE TALKS 4 (DRIVE ALIVE)

Age **14-16**
Length of course **1 hour**
Group size **30 (school class)**

Drive Alive is a multi-agency day when agencies including the police, fire service and road safety officers each deliver talks covering aspects of road safety.

The fire service cover what happens to a person during a crash, causes of a crash, consequences following a crash and the impact on the attending agencies and people.



STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHS)

Age	10-13
Length of course	1 hour
Group size	30 (school class)

STEM enables young people of all backgrounds and abilities to meet inspiring role models, understand real world applications of STEM subjects and experience hands-on STEM activities that motivate, inspire and bring learning and career opportunities to life.

Within the fire service there are many opportunities to use technology and mathematics in

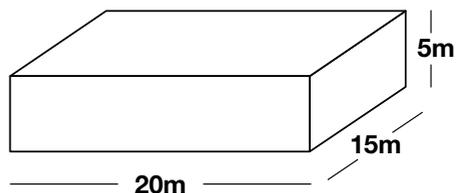
such areas as calculating volumes of water, outputs of pumps and air content of breathing apparatus cylinders etc.

These questions can be delivered to students showing how maths can be used in the working environment and in some cases the life critical implications getting the answer correct can have.

Example question:

If one hose delivers water at a rate of 500 litres per minute and the second hose delivers water at a rate of 250 litres per minute, how long would the swimming pool take to fill if both hoses were used at the same time?

$$20 \times 5 \times 15 = 1500\text{m}^3$$
$$1500 \times 1000 = 1,500,000 \text{ litres}$$
$$1,500,000 \div 750 = 2000 \text{ minutes}$$
$$2000 \div 60 = 33 \text{ hours } 20 \text{ minutes}$$



WATER SAFETY TALKS

Age	14-22
Length of course	1 hour
Group size	Not applicable

This talk has been introduced as a direct result of the high number of water related incidents attended by the Service.

The course content aims to make people aware of the dangers when close to rivers and lakes. It also demonstrates the dangers of entering a body of water.

Practical information on how to assist a person who has fallen

into water is included, along with safety advice which is targeted at enabling people to enjoy water but not become a victim.

This presentation has proved very successful in University and College freshers' weeks as well as schools and groups local to water hazards such as the River Swale, River Foss and the Strid.



HOME SAFETY VISIT

Age **18+**
Length of course **1 hour approximately**

Our team of trained Community Safety Officers will be happy to arrange a visit to your home and carry out a Home Safety Visit.

This visit is designed to spot hazards which could increase the chances of a fire starting in your home and give practical, simple advice on how this risk can be reduced.

Our team may fit smoke alarms in your home if there are none present during the visit. We can also advise on issues such as ‘Slips Trips and Falls’ prevention, loneliness, smoking and general wellbeing.

We can also assist in making referrals to other specialist agencies at your request. We will also continue to deliver home fire safety visits to members of the community when required.

To book, visit our website **www.northyorksfire.gov.uk** and click on Home Safety Fire Visits, then complete the online request or call **01609 788545**.



HOME SAFETY AWARENESS TRAINING

Age	18+
Length of course	1 hour approximately
Group size	10-15 persons

Many agencies have access to homes but may miss signs and symptoms which could leave the occupant at risk from a fire.

Our Community Safety Officers can deliver training to your staff on the various hazards which may be present in a home and provide guidance on simple advice which can reduce the risk.

The course will also explain the referral pathway which agencies can use if they wish to request a Home Fire Safety Visit from our staff.





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Contact us:

Please contact us if you require any further information on any of the initiatives listed within the booklet.

We will aim to deliver the requested initiative at a time suitable for your establishment.

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