

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service Needs Your Help This Summer

Firefighters and Community Safety Officers are asking for your help to keep your community safe by reporting any information you have on deliberate fires to FireStoppers.

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service is working with partners to raise awareness of this issue and is therefore encouraging school pupils, parents/guardians, local residents to be vigilant and report any information that could help us prevent further fires.

Responding to deliberate fires in the open ties up valuable lifesaving resources.

While Firefighters are tackling a deliberate fire, they are not available to attend 999 emergencies. These emergencies can include house fires and road traffic collisions where people may be trapped with an immediate risk to life.

Anyone caught setting fires deliberately (Arson) could be charged with a criminal offence which would lead to a criminal record, which can also have longer term consequences.



This summer could see a heatwave similar to 2022 which means people are tempted to cool off in rivers, lakes and reservoirs. Unfortunately, this decision can end in tragedy as there are many unseen dangers in the water, and even on a hot day submersion can result in cold water shock.

DFRS have worked closely with a bereaved family who want to raise awareness of the dangers of entering open water. The following video has been produced in memory of Thando Ndlovu who sadly passed away in 2021, scan this QR code to access the video.



Please follow our advice to stay safe around open water:

- **DO NOT** be tempted to swim in open water
- If you see someone in trouble, **DO NOT** enter the water to try and help, call 999 and ask for the fire service
- If you find yourself in trouble in the water, remember FLOAT TO LIVE

IF YOU GET INTO TROUBLE IN THE WATER... FIGHT YOUR INSTINCT TO SWIM, LEAN BACK, USE YOUR ARMS & LEGS TO HELP YOU FLOAT CONTROL YOUR BREATHING & CALL FOR HELP FEOATTOLYE

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