

WHEELIE BIN FIRES

SAFE AND WELL



GREATER MANCHESTER
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service visits households across Greater Manchester to provide advice on fire safety and to keep you safe and well at home.

If you haven't already had your Safe and Well visit and want further information, please telephone **0800 555 815** or send an email to **contact@manchesterfire.gov.uk**.

Alternatively you can visit our website at: **manchesterfire.gov.uk**

Wheelie bin fires can easily spread and cause devastating damage to your home, putting your life and the lives of the people you live with at risk.

You can prevent wheelie bin fires and reduce the risk to your home by following these simple tips.

- Try to keep your bin out of sight.
- Only put the bin out when it is due for collection and put it away as soon as possible after collection.
- Store your bin at least one metre away from your home, away from windows and doors and, if possible, safely secured.
- Do not overfill your wheelie bin, or leave loose rubbish around it.
- Do not store bins under covered areas attached to the house, such as a porch.

Wheelie bin fires can have fatal consequences if they spread to your home.

A wheelie bin fire can easily spread, causing danger to people and property.

Wheelie bin fires release toxic fumes and smoke which pollute the environment.



Fit a smoke alarm on every level of your home and test your alarms weekly. A working smoke alarm can buy you valuable time to get out, stay out and call 999. If you are caring for someone who doesn't understand what the smoke alarm is for, or wouldn't be able to respond in the event of a fire, make sure that you arrange a Safe and Well visit, with their permission, to look at solutions.