

# PRESSURE RELIEVING DEVICES AND FIRE SAFETY

## 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](mailto:contact@manchesterfire.gov.uk)**.

Alternatively you can visit our website at: **[manchesterfire.gov.uk](http://manchesterfire.gov.uk)**

## ***Important fire safety information for people using pressure relieving devices***

**Now you are benefitting from a pressure relieving device, follow these important tips to help keep yourself safe from fire:**

- ✗ Never smoke in bed or whilst using a pressure relieving device
- ✗ Never burn candles in the room where your bed or device is kept
- ✗ Never use matches or lighters near your bed or device
- ✗ Never use electric blankets in combination with your pressure relieving device
- ✗ Never overload electrical sockets
- ✗ Never place hot items, such as hairdryers or hair straighteners, on your bed or device
- ❗ If paraffin-based or paraffin-free emollient products, such as creams, get onto fabrics, the dried residue will make the fabric more flammable. If there is any risk that your clothes, bedding or bandages are contaminated with emollient residue don't smoke, or go near naked flames, smoking materials, cookers, heaters or other ignition sources
- ✓ Keep ignition sources away from your bed or device
- ✓ Keep fires and heaters away from your bed or device
- ✓ If you use a mobility aid, keep it within reach of your bed or device
- ✓ Use fire retardant bedding
- ✓ Ensure electrical equipment is maintained and kept a safe distance from your pressure relieving device. Switch off electrical equipment and unplug at the mains when not in use



***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.***