

*These notes refer to the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004
(c.21) which received Royal Assent on Thursday 22 July 2004*

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES ACT 2004

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Functions of Fire and Rescue Authorities

Core functions

Section 6: Fire safety

20. The Fire and Rescue Service already carries out a wide range of activities to promote community fire safety, with the aim of preventing deaths and injuries in the home and reducing the impact of fire on the community as a whole. This includes fire safety education (especially for vulnerable groups), smoke alarm installation, chip pan safety demonstrations and fire safety checks for householders and others. Many fire and rescue authorities also provide training programmes for young people and work with local businesses, agencies and partnerships (such as crime and disorder partnerships and local strategic partnerships). This work is currently carried out on a discretionary basis and the effect of section 6 is to impose a statutory duty.