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FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Wheelie Bins and Fire Safety



Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service provides home fire safety advice to keep you safe at home.

If you are concerned about your fire safety, or the fire safety of others, please visit our website below to complete our online assessment for personalised advice or to find out if you are eligible for a Home Fire Safety Assessment.

manchesterfire.gov.uk

Wheelie bin fires can spread easily and put homes and lives at risk. Wheelie bins can be a target for deliberate fire setting.

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

- ✓ Try to keep your bin out of sight of others.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ If you see a wheelie bin on fire, call 999 and ask for the fire service.
- ✓ Report any incidents or threats of deliberate fire setting or crime to the police. In the event of an emergency call 999.

- ✗ 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.
- ✗ Do not place hot items - such as hot coals, embers or ash, or any smoking materials - inside your bins. Wait until they are fully cooled before they are placed in the bin.

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

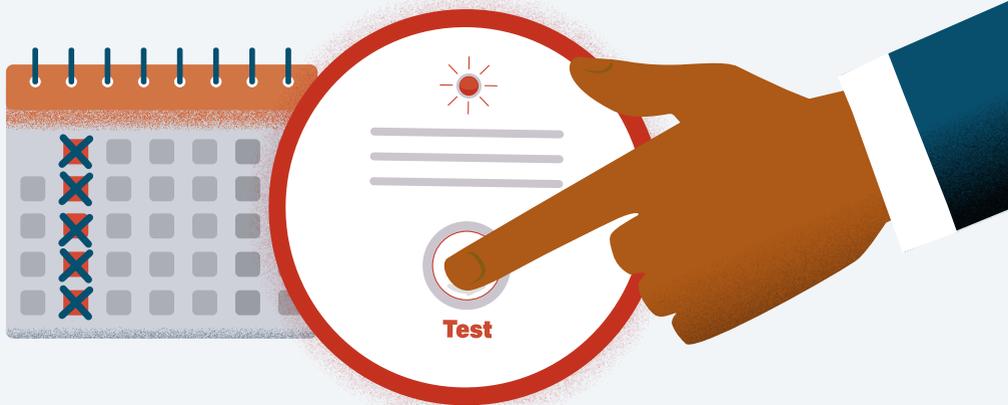
! A wheelie bin fire can easily spread, causing danger to people and property.

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



Fit a smoke alarm on every level of your home and a heat alarm in your kitchen. Test your alarms weekly.

Top tip: To get in the habit of testing your smoke and heat alarms, test them every time you put your wheelie bin out.



A working smoke alarm can buy you valuable time to:



Get out



Stay out



Call 999

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If you do not have access to the internet, call **0800 555 815**