



Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service



Fire Safety Education in Secondary Schools

The Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service have developed a scheme of work which links fire safety awareness to the new National Curriculum subject of Citizenship: the scheme draws directly from the KS3 Programme of Study.

The scheme entitled 'FIRE!' is written ideally for year 7 pupils and includes a pupil booklet, teacher guidance booklet and an audiotape/CD called 'Fire Experience'.

The scheme 'FIRE!' is used by teachers in Schools during Personal, Social and health Education/Citizenship lessons; pupils will have worked through the scheme before they receive a visit by a fire crew and so have some knowledge of fire safety and arson awareness.

On 'Fire Experience', five firefighters, all currently working with the Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service recount a personal true-life experience. Atmosphere on the tape is built up through a range of sound effects and some pupils have been surprised when they realise that two of the firefighters are female.

Each Year 7 class can also receive a visit by a local fire crew or a Community Fire Safety Officer. The interactive session reinforces and extends the fire safety messages contained in 'FIRE!' and pupils are very interest in hearing the firefighters talk from first hand experience about the consequences of fire and arson.

Content of Year 7 session delivered by Fire-fighters

- ◆ Introduction
- ◆ Escape Plans
- ◆ Smoke Alarms
- ◆ Video – 'Fireraisers'
- ◆ Fire Safety True or False quiz
- ◆ Summary and questions



Pupils are also given a fire safety leaflet to take home to encourage discussion about the session with their family and to help make their own escape plans.