



Parish Safety Volunteers Home Safety Volunteer Role Description



Purpose of Role

To support Essex County Fire & Rescue Service (ECFRS) and Essex Police (EP) by carrying out Home Safety Visits to homes within a specified Parish area.

To carry out Home Safety Visits on behalf of Essex County Fire and Rescue Service and Essex Police; providing information on all areas of home safety within the remit of ECFRS and EP, including installing smoke detectors, devising an escape plan and advice on property and personal security and safety.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

- To visit homes within a specified Parish as requested by the ECFRS and/or EP or the Parish Council to carry out Home Safety Visits with. All visits will be undertaken in pairs;
- To liaise with the nominated persons to receive details of visits to be carried out;
- To collect equipment from a specified ECFRS or Parish Council premises as required;
- To complete the relevant paperwork and return to the Service in the agreed timeframe;
- To participate in activities to generate home fire safety visits;
- To attend volunteer group information, training, review and update sessions;
- To adhere to the policies and procedures provided by ECFRS and EP at all times;
- To undergo training with the Service to attain required expectations of performance & skill.

Skills, Experience and Aptitude Required

- Practical skills including use of drills, stepladders and small tools;
- The ability to complete the required paperwork to record the visit and actions taken;
- Access to a vehicle is preferable as the role will require travel within a defined area;
- Experience of working or volunteering with diverse members of the community;
- Reliable, responsible and trustworthy;
- Good written and verbal communication skills;
- Friendly, confident and approachable manner;
- Willingness to work as part of a team and abide by specified procedures and processes;
- Reliable and able to commit to a minimum of six hours a week.

What support will be provided?

You will be provided with all the training and resources you need to carry out your volunteering role effectively. You will also receive:

- A full induction into the Service and training to help you understand your role, what we do and why;
- Regular feedback and support;

Uniform, equipment, travel and out of pocket expenses will be provided

What benefits can be expected?

- The experience of involvement with a Public Sector organisation;
- The experience of being part of a countywide volunteering scheme;
- The opportunity to develop new and existing skills;
- The enjoyment of meeting new people and being part of a team;
- The satisfaction of knowing you are making a valuable contribution to the Service and the public;

Safeguarding

Essex County Fire & Rescue Service and Essex Police are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults, and expect all employees and volunteers to share this commitment.

In line with Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 and Protection of Freedoms Act 2012, any volunteering role falling within the definition of regulated activity relating to children and adults will be subject to the appropriate DBS (CRB) checks and full Essex Police vetting procedures.