

ROYAL BERKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Fire Angel Smoke Detectors Information for Members of the Public

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Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service (RBFRS) is aware of concerns raised by Humberside Fire and Rescue Service in relation to smoke detectors that they have fitted. We are awaiting the results of their investigation before considering whether any action is required regarding the use of this type of detector.

RBFRS currently uses Fire Angel ST 620 detectors in its Home Fire Safety Check programme. These detectors have been fitted in homes as part of the Home fire Safety Check programme during the past 12 months, with approximately 475 fitted each month.

The benefits of having these smoke detectors fitted, and working correctly, currently outweigh any known risks from the detectors themselves. RBFRS has fitted around 6,000 of these detectors so far.

It has yet to be determined whether there is a problem with this type of detector and how widespread the problem may be.

If, as a result of the investigation into the incident that has occurred in Humberside, any significant risks are identified, we will take the appropriate action to deal with these and will inform people of any steps that need to be taken as a result.

If you have further questions about this type of smoke detector, please contact Fire Angel on 08001412561.
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