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HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY EID AL ADHA

Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service (RBFRS) is reminding people to take care to reduce their risk of fire this Eid Al Adha (8 December).

Eid Al Adha is a Muslim festival, which marks the end of the traditional pilgrimage to Mecca. The festival involves more entertaining and cooking than usual, particularly using hot oil, which can be a serious fire hazard.

Don't let a fire ruin your celebrations - follow these simple tips to keep you and your family safe:

- Don't let yourself get distracted – **never** leave cooking unattended.
- Take care when wearing loose clothing (such as salwar kameez), as it can easily catch fire.
- Make sure food is dry before putting it in hot oil so it doesn't splash.
- If the oil starts to smoke, it's too hot. Turn off the heat and leave it to cool.
- If a hot oil pan catches fire, don't move it and **never throw water over it**.
- **In the event of a fire, get out, stay out and call 999.**

Jane Weller, Community Safety Officer, said: "Smoke alarms can act as lifesavers, giving you and your family precious extra time to escape in the event of a fire. Fit a smoke alarm on every level of your home and test the batteries weekly.

"Making an escape plan in advance and practising it with your family can also save lives in an emergency."

RBFRS offers free Home Fire Safety Checks to everyone in Berkshire. The Home Fire Safety Check provides a room-by-room fire risk assessment, advice on making an escape plan, plus the installation of free smoke alarms where necessary.

To book yours, call freephone 0800 587 6679 or email community.safety@rbfrs.co.uk. (Please note that priority will be given to households or individuals identified by us to be at greater risk of accidental fire in the home, e.g. the elderly and those suffering from long term illness.)

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