



## Case Study – Prevention

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service's Prevention and Protection team support adults in various ways including fire safety visits.

Following a fire in her flat one of the team visited a "Wendy" at home for a fire safety visit. The issues included:

- risks from falling asleep in a chair whilst smoking
- alcohol use
- medication – causing drowsiness
- mobility issues
- storing tissues in a plastic bag on the floor near to the chair – which could catch fire

The officer suggested using the main bin for the tissues instead to reduce the risk.

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service were able to supply a large spinning ash tray to replace a washing up bowl used for cigarette ash. This enabled the ash tray to be emptied less frequently which was a concern due to mobility issues; the ash was also now stored in a solid closed container.

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service Officer spoke to the Housing officer who arranged with carers to empty the ash tray in the outside bin on a daily basis rather than the internal bin so as to reduce the risk of a repeat fire.

The Housing officer told Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service Officer that the equipment is being used and the ashtray is emptied in the correct bin.

The risk of fire has been reduced due because of the way the Fire Service worked Wendy and partner agencies.