



Cheshire Fire Authority

SPRINKLER PLEDGE

PROMOTING THE BENEFITS OF SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Introduction

1. Cheshire Fire Authority is committed to reducing the impact of fire on people, property and the environment. Sprinklers are effective in controlling and putting out fires. They improve the safety of building occupants, the community in general and firefighters.
2. Sprinklers can significantly help to:
 - Save lives and reduce injury
 - Protect property and heritage
 - Reduce the effects of arson
 - Reduce the environmental impact
 - Reduce damage and repair costs
 - Reduce disruption to the community and businesses
 - Reduce the risks to firefighters
3. Sprinklers play an important role in reducing the human impact, the economic cost and the environmental impact of fire. They are the most effective way to ensure fires are controlled or put out before the fire and rescue service arrives.
4. Recent studies investigated the effectiveness, reliability and positive contribution of sprinklers for life and property safety. The evidence, taken from actual building fires, found that sprinklers control or put out the fire on 99% of occasions when they operate.

The Pledge

The Authority will:

- i. Play a key leadership role in promoting a better understanding of the benefits of sprinklers and strongly encourage building managers, owners, developers and other interested parties to install sprinklers.
- ii. Lobby for the creation of a legal requirement to fit sprinklers in;
 - Care homes and specialised housing
 - Domestic dwellings
 - Flats and apartment blocks
 - Schools
 - Large scale warehousing
 - Buildings where the risk to life and property from fire are most significant
- iii. Work with Local Authorities to advocate for sprinklers at the planning and building regulations stages of new developments and major refurbishments.
- iv. Support national sprinkler campaigns.
- v. Act as an ambassador for sprinklers and lead by example by installing sprinklers in all of its new build properties.

As a result of these actions, the Authority believes it will make the communities of Cheshire safer from fire.

Signed

Bob Rudd - Chair of Cheshire Fire Authority

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Brian Gallagher - Chair of the Member Sprinkler Group and Sprinkler Champion