

Prevention Strategy

2025-2028



The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 places a statutory duty on West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (WYFRS) to promote fire safety, placing fire prevention activity at the heart of what we do.

This strategy outlines how we will reduce risk and vulnerability in our communities by working with external partners and colleagues across Prevention, Protection and Response Teams.

Achievements

This plan builds on the foundation provided by the Safer Communities Prevention Strategy 2022 – 25. The improvements we have seen over the last three years include:

- The implementation of robust quality assurance for Prevention Officers.
- The introduction of standard delivery timeframes for members of the public accessing our Safe and Well service.
- The development of a data-led process which enables the proactive targeting of vulnerable individuals in our communities.
- The establishment of the Community Risk Reduction Group which coordinates the resourcing and delivery of risk reduction activities across the service.
- The development of sector leading youth intervention programmes.
- A restructure of our administration function to provide four additional prevention officer posts.
- The delivery of over 36,000 Safe and Well visits.



- ➔ Provide a safe, effective and resilient response to local and national emergencies.
- ➔ Focus our activities on reducing risk and vulnerability.
- ➔ Enhance the health, safety, and well-being of our people.
- ➔ Prioritise a people first mindset through ethical and professional leadership and management.
- ➔ Work with partners and communities to deliver our services.
- ➔ Use resources in an innovative, sustainable, and efficient manner to maximise value for money.
- ➔ Further develop a culture of excellence, equality, learning, and inclusion.

We support the ambition of 'Making West Yorkshire Safer' by:

- Strengthening relationships among colleagues involved in Prevention, Protection, and Response efforts.
- Collaborating with partners to enhance the safety, health, and wellbeing of vulnerable community members.
- Adhering to national standards such as the Prevention Fire Standard and NFCC Person Centred Framework.
- Implementing various risk reduction activities, including home visits, educational programs, social media initiatives, and support for children and young people.
- Partnering to mitigate risks like wildfire and antisocial behaviour, while contributing to Vision Zero and the reduction of serious violence.
- Utilising data from partner organisations, evaluations, and statistics to inform our Strategic Risk Assessment.
- Providing consistent services across West Yorkshire while adapting to the diverse needs of local communities.
- Seeking feedback from colleagues, partners, and the public to refine our services.