



Questionnaire to be used if adults or children over the age of 5 live in the house or visit regularly.

Question

Options

- 1 **Why are you completing this form?**
(Please tick all that apply)

What is care and repair? Care and Repair agencies work to help older and disabled owners or occupiers to remain in their own home by advising, suggesting or providing repairs, improvement or adaptations

- To make my home safer
- To gather information for discussing home safety with my landlord
- For a school project
- For a research project *
- For local authority use
- Care and Repair use
- Other

***If you are completing this form as part of a research project and have a unique project code, please enter this in the box. This will enable us to provide additional project information.**

Project code number:

- 2 **Have you completed this form before?**

- Yes
- No

- 3 **What country do you live in?**

- England *(go to question 5)*
- Wales *(go to question 4)*
- Scotland *(go to question 5)*
- Northern Ireland *(go to question 5)*
- Republic of Ireland *(go to question 5)*
- Country not listed *(go to question 3b)*

- 3b **What country do you live in?**

Country:
(go to question 6)



4 **In what area do you live?**
(Welsh residents only)

- Blaenau Gwent
- Bridgend
- Caerphilly
- Cardiff
- Carmarthenshire
- Ceredigion
- Conwy
- Denbighshire
- Flintshire
- Gwynedd
- Isle of Anglesey
- Merthyr Tydfil
- Monmouthshire
- Neath Port Talbot
- Newport
- Pembrokeshire
- Powys
- Rhondda Cynon Taff
- Swansea
- The Vale of Glamorgan
- Torfaen
- Wrexham
- Don't Know

5 **What is your Postcode?**

Postcode:

6 **Is your home rented?**

- No
- Yes - from the local council
- Yes - from the housing association
- Yes - from a private landlord
- Don't know
- Other

7 **Are you responsible for making alterations to your home?**

- Yes
- No - my parents / carers are
- No - my landlord is
- No – someone else is
- Don't know

8 **When was your home built?**

- Before 1919
- 1919-1945
- 1946-1960
- 1961-1980
- 1981-1999
- 2000+
- Don't know

9 **What type of accommodation do you live in? (Please tick one box only)**

A whole house or bungalow that is:

- Detached
- Semi-detached
- Terraced (including end-terrace)

A flat, maisonette, or apartment that is:

- In a purpose-built block of flats or tenement
- Part of a converted or shared house (includes bed-sits)
- In a commercial building (for example, in an office building, hotel, over a shop)

Mobile or temporary structure:

- A caravan or other mobile or temporary structure

10 **How many rooms are in your home? (Only count rooms that are used by your family and no one else, but don't count bathrooms or toilets, hall, stairs or landing, or storage rooms.)**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10+

- 11 How many people usually live at your home, including yourself?
- 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5
 - 6
 - 7
 - 8
 - 9
 - 10+
- 12 How old are you?
- 5 to 16 years
 - 17 to 34 years
 - 35 to 64 years
 - 65 to 74 years
 - 75 years and over
- 13 How do you heat the rooms in your home? **(Please tick all that apply)**
- Open coal or wood burning fire
 - Gas fire
 - Electric heaters *(go to question 16)*
 - Gas or oil fired central heating
 - Other *(go to question 16)*
 - Don't know *(go to question 16)*
- 14 Are the heating appliances serviced every year? (for example, having your chimney swept or your boiler serviced)
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't know

- 15 **Do you have a carbon monoxide monitor in rooms where there is a gas boiler or open fire?**
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't know

What is a carbon monoxide monitor? Carbon monoxide is a colourless and odourless gas produced when burning flames do not have enough oxygen. Around 50 people in the UK are killed each year of carbon monoxide poisoning in their homes. A monitor detects carbon monoxide before the level reaches dangerous levels and sounds an alarm rather like a smoke alarm.

- 16 **Do you use a fireguard to prevent people from touching or falling against the fire?**
- Yes - across all fires
 - Yes – but only across some fires
 - No - across none of the fires
 - No - no fires

What is a fireguard? Fireguards are frames to stop people and objects falling into the fire. Sparkguards will only stop sparks flying out of coal and wood fires. The guards that are built into gas and electric fires are not adequate to stop children reaching the flames or hot elements.

- 17 **Do you have a fire escape plan for your home?**
- Yes
 - No (*go to question 19*)
 - Don't know (*go to question 19*)

What is a fire escape plan? If you have a fire in your home you may have to get out in dark and difficult conditions. Escaping from a fire will be a lot easier if you have already planned your escape route and know where to go. Do not leave anything in the way of your escape route and make sure that there is nothing on the floor that you could trip over. Everyone should know the escape route.

- 18 **Do people who stay at or visit your home know the fire escape plan?**
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't know

19 **Do you have a smoke alarm?**

- Yes - one on each floor level (home with two or more floors)
- Yes - one for the whole home (home with two or more floors)
- Yes - one for the whole home (home with only one floor)
- No (*go to question 22*)
- Don't know (*go to question 22*)

20 **How is the smoke alarm powered?**
(Please tick all that apply)

What is a mains wired smoke alarm? An alarm that is connected to the main electricity supply in the home. They usually have a battery back-up system.

What is a sealed unit smoke alarm? One from which the battery cannot be removed. The battery can last up to 10 years and cannot be used in other devices. A common reason why alarms do not work is because people remove the batteries.

What is a 1 year battery powered smoke alarm? An alarm with a battery that has to be replaced annually. A common reason why alarms do not work is because people remove the batteries.

- Wired to the mains / electrical supply
- Sealed Unit
- 1 year battery / ordinary battery / replaceable battery
- Don't know

21 **Go and test all of the smoke alarms in your house. Are the smoke alarms working?**

How do I test my smoke alarm? Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Many alarms have a test button to press. (Be careful if you have to climb up to reach the alarm).

- Yes - all work
- Yes - only some work
- No - none work
- Can't reach to test
- Don't know how to test
- Unable to test smoke alarm

22 **Can a child reach matches or lighters anywhere in the home?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

23 **Are all electrical flexes in good condition?**

What is an electrical flex? An electrical flex is the wire or lead which connects the plug to the appliance.

What does good condition mean? Good condition meaning not worn or frayed.

- Yes - all are
- Yes - only some are
- No - none are
- Don't know

24 **Is there only one appliance per electrical wall socket?**

What is a wall socket? A wall socket is where electrical appliances are plugged into the wall to connect with electricity. Sometimes an extension lead is used to connect the wall socket with a number of sockets. It is okay to plug one appliance into each of the sockets in an extension lead.

- Yes - all wall sockets are connected to only one appliance
- Yes - some wall sockets are connected to one appliance, some are connected to more than one appliance
- No - all wall sockets are connected to more than one appliance
- Don't know

25 **Are there electric wires or cables across the floor where you walk?**

- Yes - in all of the rooms
- Yes - in some rooms
- No - in none of the rooms
- Don't know

26 **Do you have any of the following equipment in your home? (Please tick all that apply)**

What is a fire blanket? A fire resistant cloth, ideal for use in the kitchen to put out small chip or frying pan fires.

- Fire blanket
- Fire extinguisher
- Fire blanket and fire extinguisher
- Neither
- Don't know

27 **Do you have any doors or windows with glass panes below 800 mm (32 inches)? (800mm or 32 inches is about the height from the floor to an adult's waist)**

- Yes
- No (*go to question 29*)
- Don't know (*go to question 29*)

28 Are the glass panes made of safety glass?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

What is safety glass? Safety glass is glass that either breaks into fragments that do not cause injury, or will not break. Look for the Kitemark® on safety glass to make sure it is up to UK standard. [See illustration]



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30 Is a chip pan used on the cooker in your home?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

31 Do you have stairs inside your home?

- Yes
- No (*go to question 34*)
- Don't know (*go to question 34*)

32 Is there a handrail all the way up the stairs?

- Both sides
- One side only
- Neither side

33 Is there a switch for a stair light at the top and bottom of the stairs?

- Yes - top and bottom
- Yes - top only
- Yes - bottom only
- No light switch
- Don't know

34 Do you have handles or grab-rails to help with getting in and out of the bath?

- Yes
- No
- No bath (*go to question 37*)
- Don't know

- 35 **Is there a non-slip surface or mat in the bath?**
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't know

What is a non-slip surface? A surface that does not get slippery when it is wet. It usually feels rough.

- 36 **Do you have a thermostatic mixing valve on the water supply to the bath's hot water tap?**
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't know

What is a thermostatic mixing valve? It is a device that mixes hot water from the boiler/water heater with cold water and passes it through the hot tap at a pre-set temperature. This is still hot enough to have a bath, but not hot enough to cause scalds.

- 37 **Do you have handles or grab-rails in reach of the shower?**
- Yes
 - No
 - No shower *(go to question 39)*
 - Don't know

- 38 **Is there a non-slip surface or mat in the shower?**
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't know

What is a non-slip surface? A surface that does not get slippery when it is wet. It usually feels rough.

- 39 **Do you have handles or grab-rails in reach of the toilet?**
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't know

- 40 **Do you have an electrical socket in the bathroom? (Do not include safety sockets for electric razors)**
- Yes
 - No
 - Don't know

- 41 Do you have a light switch within easy reach (arm's length) of each bed?
- Yes - all beds
 - Yes - only some beds
 - No - not any beds
 - Don't know

Answers to these questions, which are voluntary, will help us understand how home safety might vary across different social and ethnic groups. If you do not wish to complete this section click on the skip question box.

- 42 How many cars or vans are available for use, by one or more members of your household?
- None
 - One
 - Two
 - Three
 - Four or more

- 43 How would you describe your ethnic group? **(Please tick one box only)**
- White UK
 - White European
 - White Irish
 - White other
 - Black British
 - Black Caribbean
 - Black African
 - Black Asian
 - Black other
 - Mixed origin
 - Asian Bangladeshi
 - Asian Chinese or South East Asian
 - Asian Indian
 - Asian British
 - Asian Pakistani
 - Asian other