**Fire Safety Information Leaflet for Service Users and their Carers for Equipment Issued by Community Equipment Store.**

The following safety precautions must be taken into account when using the following equipment issued:

**Air Flow/Alternating/Dynamic Mattresses**

This is a mattress that has been provided for prevention and treatment of pressure ulcers. If there has been a puncture through, e.g. smoking, use of candles or other sources, the escaping air can cause a fire to increase in intensity and spread very quickly.

Please keep all naked flames and ignition and heat sources away from bed linen and the mattress by ensuring the following:

* Do not smoke in bed/or on the mattress
* Do not burn candles, use matches or lighters in the same room as the mattress
* Do not use electric blankets in combination with the air mattress
* Do not overload any plugs or sockets
* Do not have fires or open heaters in the vicinity of the mattress
* Do not put electronic devices being charged on the bed/mattress, e.g. mobile phones/laptops
* Do not place hot items on the mattress, e.g. heated hairstyling appliances

If applicable, place mobility aids within reach of the bed.

Use fire-retardant bedding.

**Service users are reminded that they are more vulnerable to fire** **when**:

There is an increased fire risk in their property due to the following:

1. Health equipment – oxygen/air mattress/emollient creams (where there is a build-up on bedding or other fabrics)/incontinence pads
2. Clutter
3. Smoking materials
4. Risk-taking behaviour

**Please ensure the following additional safety measures:**Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide monitors (if applicable) are fitted and are regularly checked to ensure they are operational.

Where emollients are being used, bedding must be washed at higher temperatures to ensure there is no oil residue.

If there is a gas fire in the living area it must be serviced and maintained on a regular basis by a Gas Safe registered engineer.

Ensure doors are closed when the room is not in use.

Ensure access/escape routes are clear in the event of fire occurring.

**If you have any concerns, the local Fire and Rescue Service will offer free support and a home safety check.**

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