

# Kitchen fire in Dumbiedykes



A man suffered minor burns and from smoke inhalation when a fire broke out in the kitchen of his flat in Dumbiedykes Road this evening.

Crews from McDonald Road, Marionville, and Tollcross were mobilised by Operations Control Edinburgh just before 7.00pm and on arrival discovered a well-developed fire in the kitchen. Four firefighters wearing breathing apparatus extinguished the fire with a line of hose and ventilated the property.

The man suffered from smoke inhalation and minor burns. He was treated at the scene by firefighters providing oxygen therapy and applying gel packs to his burns until the ambulance arrived.

He was taken to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary for further treatment.

Station Manager Steve Harkins said: "Many kitchen fires happen when people are not paying attention or they leave things unattended but there are several things you can do to prevent fires in the kitchen.

"Don't leave pans unattended. Take them off the heat if you have to leave the room. Fire starts when your attention stops. When you have finished cooking, make sure the cooker or oven is turned off.

"The kitchen can be the most dangerous place in the home. Fire can cause damage not just to your property, but more seriously can put family and loved ones at risk.

"The property did not have a working smoke alarm. We would encourage anyone who doesn't have a smoke alarm to have one

fitted immediately. Smoke alarms save lives. If you don't have one then call Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and arrange a free Home Fire Safety Visit and we will provide you with a smoke alarm free of charge. It could save your life.

"Home fire safety visits only take around half an hour and are delivered by firefighters from your local community. If you or someone you know could benefit from a visit, please join Scotland's fight against fire and request a visit by calling the SFRS freephone number 0800 0731 999, by texting 'check' to 61611 or by contacting their local fire station."

A wide range of tips on how to keep yourself and your home safe from fire are available on the SFRS website: [www.firescotland.gov.uk](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk)