

Two rescued following kitchen fire in Dalkeith



Two people were rescued by firefighters after a fire in a kitchen in Dalkeith early this morning.

Crews from Dalkeith and Musselburgh fire stations were mobilised by Operations Control Edinburgh at 3.45am to a smell of burning at Bruce Gardens and on arrival found the property smoke logged.

One adult and one child were rescued by firefighters and passed into the care of the ambulance service. They were taken to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary for slight smoke inhalation.

Firefighters quickly extinguished the small fire and ensured the area was safe.

A Scottish Fire and Rescue Service spokesperson said: “The property had a working smoke alarm that alerted the occupants to the danger. Smoke alarms give the vital early warning to fire and it’s essential every home has them.

“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 and 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.

“We also want people to take action to prevent fires from happening in the first place and the fact is more house fires start in the kitchen than anywhere else. Fire can cause damage

not just to your property, but more seriously can put family at risk.

“SFRS crews routinely conduct free home fire safety visits to help householders identify risks and take the simple steps needed to reduce the chance of fires.

“People can arrange a free home fire safety visit and join Scotland’s fight against fire by calling SFRS on the freephone number 0800 073 1999 or by texting ‘FIRE’ to 80800, which is also free of charge.

Alternatively, visits can be arranged via the SFRS website www.firescotland.gov.uk.”