



HEREFORD & WORCESTER
HWFR
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Statement of Intent

Definition of Risk

Road Traffic Collisions

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PREVENTION

Introduction

The information articulated in this Statement of Intent will help Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service (HWFRS) identify how it will target its prevention activities.

HWFRS defines risk as a combination of the likelihood and consequences of hazardous events. This aligns with the National Fire Chief Council (NFCC) Definition of Risk.

As well as using the NFCC Definition of Risk, a range of other risks have been considered, which are important to understand when looking at areas presenting the greatest threat or harm of life.

This information will enable the Prevention department to articulate the categories of people most at risk from RTCs and plan how best to deliver its preventative services to help prevent RTCs.

HWFRS therefore defines risk as a combination of the likelihood and consequences of a hazardous event.



Who is at Risk?

Analysis of casualty and collision data enabled us to identify who is at greater risk of being seriously injured or killed in an RTC and where the most serious incidents are likely to occur.

The risks have been broken down in to two distinct areas: **People** and **Gender and Age range**.

Based on the Service's historical data and national datasets, those likely to be killed or injured in an RTC and therefore are at highest risk are: **Males aged 16-25**. This aligns with data produced by West Mercia Police as well as National statistics.

This age group is *also* mostly likely to be involved in an RTC and receive first aid but not require hospital treatment therefore medium risk.



Future Targeting

As road networks across Herefordshire and Worcestershire are relatively large and remote, we will use our prevention services to work collaboratively with partners, to reduce the likelihood of RTCs occurring.

Road safety is a shared duty across several organisations and effective safety campaigns will rely on partnership working. HWFRS will work with the following agencies to prevent RTCs:

- **West Mercia Police** – To promote and support road safety campaigns and activities as well as being an active member of Road Safety Forums and Strategic Partnership Meetings.
- **West Mercia Police Safer Roads Team** – To collaborate on youth engagement initiatives
- **Road Safety Charities** – To support road safety initiatives to target those most at risk of having an RTC.
- **National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC)** – To promote the Road Safety Workstream and align Service activities to National Guidance.

The Service will use the information summarised in this Statement of Intent to map risk to identify how the Service will target its Prevention activity with relation to road safety.

A review of all data sets will be undertaken on an annual basis to ensure that the Service continues to target those most vulnerable to fire within their communities

Further Information

For further information please visit www.hwfire.org.uk



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