



If your child is invited to a sleepover you will want them to be safe - both in general and in the event of a fire. So before you agree here are some things that might help.

### Check that your child:

- Is normally woken by and recognises the sound of a smoke alarm  
*If they don't, or they have a hearing impairment or other disability, tell the sleepover parents so that someone must wake them and/or help them in an emergency*
- Knows what to do if they hear a smoke alarm go off
- Knows not to hide from fire
- Knows how to raise the alarm
- Is happy to ask about the escape plan of the place they are going to
- Will tell you if they don't feel safe



### If you are in any doubt:

- Reverse the sleepover and invite the friend to your home instead

### And remember to:

- Go through your fire plan with any guests you have staying

### CHECK THAT:

- There will be a responsible adult present at all times in the property.
- There is a working smoke alarm.



Some of these questions may be uncomfortable to ask but why not look at it this way; you wouldn't dream of travelling in a car without seatbelts - they are lifesavers if there is an accident.

Working smoke alarms and escape plans are like seatbelts for sleepovers - you hope never to need them - but they must be there just in case ...

For further home fire safety information please see our website –

[www.dsfire.gov.uk/YourSafety](http://www.dsfire.gov.uk/YourSafety)