

# Real World Dangers of Fuel Poverty and The Cost of Living Crisis

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# Background

- One study suggest that 50% of UK households could be in fuel poverty by January 2023.
- This greatly increases the number of people and households who are “vulnerable”.
- This applies to both CO and Fire.



# Some of the Dangers

- **The use of alternative and potentially dangerous heating methods.**
- Antwerp poisonings from BBQ.
- Flower pots and candles.
- Solid fuel appliances
- Cookers
- Old heaters
- **Economies on safety maintenance.**
- Boiler servicing and chimney sweeping.



# Some more Dangers

- **Home Reconfiguration**
- Sleeping near potential CO sources.
- Clothes drying near ignition sources.
- Alarms no longer in correct place.
- **Cooking with alternative methods.**
- **Lighting with candles.**



# Actions to Help

- Get advice out there early.
- Involve all who might have access to homes – e.g. Fire Service, Medical Professionals etc.
- Identify who can help and what can be done.
- Fitting of suitable alarms.

