

# Test Your Smoke Alarm Each Week

## Push the button, not your luck



Kevin Johnson, Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service Community Safety Manager, said: "You are six times more likely to die in a fire if you do not have a smoke alarm.

"Having a smoke alarm fitted and working is the only sure way to know when a fire occurs – especially when everyone is asleep. However it is essential that your smoke alarm is checked and tested weekly."

### Smoke Alarm Advice:

- Check that your smoke alarm is working every week.
- Under no circumstances should you break open the smoke detector unit or attempt to remove the battery.
- If you do not have a smoke alarm, buy one and fit at least one alarm to the ceiling on each floor.
- If you are unsure of any issues, contact Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service on 0800 731 5958 for professional Fire safety advice.

# New Youth and Sports Centre Coming Soon!



## TOXTETH FIRE FIT HUB

*"An Excellent Authority"*

The £5.2 million Toxteth Fire Fit Hub, which is being built by Wates Construction, will see a state-of-the-art fire station as well as a youth and community hub and a major sporting facility built.

The sporting facilities will include new football pitches, martial arts studio, dance studio and a new gym that will introduce the "train like a firefighter" concept.

It is being built on the corner of Windsor and Upper Warwick Street in the heart of Toxteth.

Funding for the new Toxteth Fire Fit Hub was secured through the £2.3 million Department for Education myplace initiative with an additional £2.8 million funding from Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service and £500,000 from Liverpool City Council.

For more information and to find out how you can get involved read on.

# Get Involved

A group of young people from Toxteth are already involved in governing and running the new facility – but you can join them too and get involved in other ways.

The Toxteth Fire Fit Hub Ambassadors meet at the Hub's Community Cabin on Upper Warwick Street and the group are currently creating and developing an activity schedule for the centre and will be reviewing the pricing policy.

Sara Lawton, MF&RS Project Manager for the Toxteth Fire Fit Hub, said:

"This is a crucial project that has the potential to make a real difference to the area. Together with our partners Liverpool City Council and members of the local community, we aim to deliver a facility that is second to none.

"We are keen to inform and involve as many local young people as possible, any local young people wishing to become an Ambassador for the Hub can register by emailing me at [saralawton@merseyfire.gov.uk](mailto:saralawton@merseyfire.gov.uk)



Building work progresses at the site for the new Toxteth Fire Fit Hub.

## Toxteth Fire Fit Hub Facts:

- Facilities at the Hub will include a Youth Zone and young people can join the Youth Zone through annual membership. The Hub also has a state-of-the-art gym, sports hall and four five-a-side football pitches available to hire seven days a week.
- There will also be an internal courtyard and classrooms at the site.
- Weight of structural steel used for the frame - 156 tonnes, equal to the average weight of 13 Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service fire engines.
- Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service and Liverpool City Council are working with local community representatives and organisations as the Hub takes shape. There has been significant input from not only the Toxteth Fire Fit Hub Ambassadors but also the Rialto Neighbourhood Centre, Toxteth Tigers, Kingsley United and volunteer Paddy Logan and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their contribution.
- Construction began in November 2011 and by the end of February 2012 had seen 2,061 beams and 6,943 bolts assembled to complete the steel frame for the two-storey combined sports centre and fire station.
- Six apprentices from Toxteth and across Merseyside have now started work for Wates at the site and we wish them every success for the future.
- Liverpool-based architectural and planning practice Cass Associates has been responsible for the design of the Fire Fit project working closely with Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service.

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