



## New cooker system to protect the vulnerable in their homes

**A Toxteth man, who has been rescued twice by firefighters from serious kitchen fires, is now safer in his home after a system was fitted that can put out a cooker fire in seconds.**

Errol Papius is the first person in Merseyside to have the cooker suppression system fitted in his home.

The safety device, which has been provided by Flamefast, can sense fire conditions and knock a fire down within five seconds. It also shuts off the fuel supply to reduce the risk of re-ignition.

Firefighters were called to the 56-year-old's home twice in the last year after pans of food were left unattended on the cooker.

They referred Errol to Community Fire Safety and since then, Domestic Sprinkler Advocate Ron Kelly has been helping him become safer in his own home.

Along with the innovative system, Errol has been provided with a raft of fire safety equipment and Ron has worked alongside other agencies including Riverside Housing Association to remove heavy fire loading from the flat.

Ron said: "We thought Errol's home would be the ideal place for the system because all of his problems have come from his cooker. Hopefully now, with the system fitted and the fire safety equipment he has been provided with, Errol will be safer in his home."

General Manager of Flamefast Nigel Roddie said: "The Flamefast Kitchensafe domestic & residential fire suppression system has been developed to specifically address this type of fire risk and we are pleased to be working closely with Merseyside Fire & Rescue community fire safety team to help reduce this type of fire risk."

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