



County Durham and Darlington  
Fire and Rescue Service

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### This privacy notice tells you:

- What information County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service are collecting about you.
- Why we have collected it.
- How it will be used.

You can find out about your rights and how we will protect your data in our “Universal Privacy Notice” which can be found on our website.

### Information Asset Owner:

Group Manager, Assets and Assurance

### Information collection area:

Any business conducted by operational firefighters including, but not limited to:

- Attending and dealing with operational incidents.
- Conducting Fire Safety Audits of commercial premises.
- Carrying out Safe and well-being visits.

### How we collect the information about you

Video and audio recording are captured via a body worn video camera (BWVC), upon activation by the wearer. When the BWVC is activated, the wearer will announce that they are now recording, and the recorded footage is stored onto internal storage inside the BWVC.

The BWVC have no ability to delete or edit the footage, this can only be done at a later date via a designated computer.

### Why we are collecting your information

Visual and audio information is collected by our BWVC for the purpose of Firefighter safety. Therefore, information will only be collected in a situation where the wearer finds themselves in a confrontational situation and they believe that they are likely to be subject to verbal or physical abuse.

### What information is being collected?

Visual and audio recordings only.





## County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service How we will use your information

Information collected by BWVC will be used in the event of a CDDFRS employee being subject to work-related violence. In these circumstances, the footage will be used as evidence in the investigation and may be forwarded to the Police, depending on the nature of the incident.

### Data subject category

- Members of the public
- Businesses (Industrial and Commercial)
- Third party organisations

### Legal basis for the processing:

- The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004

Any CDDFRS employee who is subjected to work-related violence will be hindered from carrying out their legal duty, acting in the public interest.

- The Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974

Employers have a legal duty under this Act to ensure, so far as it is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare at work of their employees.

- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999

Employers must consider the risks to employees (including the risk of reasonably foreseeable violence); decide how significant these risks are; decide what to do to prevent or control the risks; and develop a clear management plan to achieve this.

### Who we share your information with:

The information collected will not be shared unless there has been work-related violence, The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) defines work related violence as:

*'Any incident in which a person is abused, threatened or assaulted in circumstances relating to their work'*

### How long we hold your information for:

Audio and visual recordings will be held for no more than 30 days unless it is required to assist in an investigation. Where audio and visual recordings are required to assist in an investigation, the information will be held up to 36 months. Once the information is no longer required then it will be deleted at the earliest opportunity.





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### More Information

If you require more information, please contact our Data Protection Officer using the following email address [dpo@ddfire.gov.uk](mailto:dpo@ddfire.gov.uk)

