



# The Hon Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier and Western Sydney

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### MEET YOUR LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS ON OPEN DAY

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP is encouraging people to meet local firefighters and learn about home fire prevention at the Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) Open Day on Saturday, 15 May 2021.

Mr Williams said it is a great opportunity for people of all ages to come along and meet their local firefighters.

“Kellyville and Castle Hill’s Fire Stations are throwing open its doors between 10.00am and 2.00pm this Saturday, an amazing opportunity to see firsthand what our firefighters do,” Mr Williams said.

“Children will be able to see a fire see a fire truck, demonstrations and firefighting equipment whilst the grown-ups will be able to find out more about home fire prevention.”

Minister for Police and Emergency Services David Elliott said Open Day will also focus on educating the community about the importance of having a working smoke alarm in their home.

“Each year, approximately 20 people die in NSW from fires that could have been prevented. Sadly, almost all of these fatalities occur in people’s homes. Each death is a tragic loss for families, friends and the wider community,” Mr Elliott said.

“For each fire fatality, there are also hundreds more people who survive a fire but suffer life-changing health consequences. Firefighters are committed to reducing the risk of such fires and to protecting the irreplaceable.”

FRNSW Commissioner Paul Baxter said in the lead up to winter, Open Day was the perfect opportunity for the community to talk to firefighters about home fire safety.

“We see a 10 per cent increase in the number of house fires during the cooler months, with fires starting in bedrooms and lounge rooms due to heaters and electric blankets,” he said.

“This year we want to help residents prepare their homes and in particular, encourage them to check their smoke alarms and have a Home Fire Escape Plan. We have developed a Get Ready for Winter checklist - to find out more, visit <https://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/winter>.

For more information on FRNSW Open Day, visit [www.fire.nsw.gov.au/openday](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/openday)

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