

Clutter Image Rating Guidance

The clutter image rating is used nationally for work with people who store large amounts of possessions in and around their home.

More information can be found at

<http://www.helpforhoarders.co.uk/>

Kent Fire and Rescue Service use the ratings as a guide to the severity of a persons hoarding and consider level 6 and above to pose a significant risk in terms of a fire starting and an equally high risk in anyone in the property being able to escape safely in the event of a fire.

In addition a severely hoarded property would create a substantial hazard for firefighters dealing with a fire and attempting to rescue anyone

Key Risk Areas

- Clutter around sources of heat such as cookers, heaters lights and Candles
- Ashtrays on unstable surfaces
- Clutter near or around staircases , doorways and routes that would be used to escape from the property
- Build up of combustible materials such as newspapers

If you are working with a self –neglecting individual whether or not they are hoarding please consider referring to the fire service for a free home safety visit **08009 23 70 00**