

Subject: Recognition of the "Cookermiser" device

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Whilst it is the general policy of Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service never to officially endorse specific products, it is well known that one of the main causes of unwanted fire alarms is due to cooking fumes, and a remedy to reduce the waste in the use of resources in attending unwanted fire alarm calls, which could be required for genuine emergencies, is to be welcomed.

Nottinghamshire has 2 universities, and back in 1999, the number of unwanted fire alarms originating from the kitchens in the student Halls of Residence from one university in particular was very high and unacceptable, due to the kitchen doors being inevitably wedged open, allowing cooking fumes to activate the optical smoke detectors in the adjacent hallways.

The introduction of a number of measures by the University management to reduce unwanted fire alarms included the use of the "Cookermiser", designed to automatically switch on the kitchen extractor fan when cooking appliances are used, and a dramatic reduction in unwanted fire alarms overall resulted.

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