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Man taken to hospital after house fire in Peebles

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Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service was called to rescue a man from a house fire last night after neighbours heard a ringing smoke alarm

Fire crews administered oxygen to a 50-year-old male casualty who was subsequently taken to hospital following a fire in George Terrace, Peebles at around 9.20pm last night (3rd March).

Three fire engines attended the incident. Firefighters rescued the casualty and the fire was extinguished using a high pressure hose reel and four BA wearers. The Scottish Ambulance Service transported the casualty to hospital.

A spokeswoman for Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service said, "This incident highlights the importance of having a working smoke alarm in your property, as from what we understand it was the occupant's smoke alarm which alerted neighbours to the fire and they raised the alarm.

"We want to remind residents that they can arrange a free home safety visit with the Service. Firefighters will come to your home, fit a free smoke alarm and also give you valuable fire safety advice and check for any fire hazards in your home. Give yourself peace of mind and arrange your home safety visit today – call 0800 169 0320."

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