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Firefighters rush to fight a fire. Firefighters put out fires and save lives. They help keep fires from starting. They teach about fire safety.

Introduction

A fire truck races to a fire.





Firefighters try to put out a fire in a large factory.

Types of Fires

Firefighters put out fires in houses, shops, and factories. They also fight forest fires.

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Firefighters use many different tools. They spray water or foam on fires. They use ladders to reach high places. They break down doors with axes.

Firefighting Tools

Smoke masks protect firefighters from smoke.

Fans remove smoke from rooms.

Fire extinguishers can put out small fires.

air tank

smoke
mask

fan

fire
extinguisher

Fire trucks are important firefighting machines. The fire engine has a pump to spray water.

Firefighting Machines



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Ladder trucks have steering wheels in the front and back.

Ladder trucks carry ladders.

Tanker trucks carry water.

Rescue trucks carry tools to help trapped people.

There are other kinds of firefighting machines, too. Fireboats fight fires from the water.

Fireboats can spray seawater.



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A plane dumps chemicals on a forest fire.

Helicopters drop water on fires. Large planes help put out forest fires.

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Firefighters must be at least 18 years old. They must be strong and fit.

They must also pass a written test.

Becoming a Firefighter

Men and women study to become firefighters.



Firefighters go to firefighting school. They learn about different kinds of fires.



Firefighters ride high in bucket ladders.

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SummaryFires destroy thousands of buildings every year.

Fires also take many lives and destroy forests.

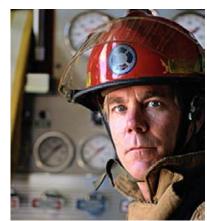
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Fire can damage buildings very quickly.









Firefighters save people and buildings every day.

Long ago, fires burned down entire cities.

Today, firefighters put out fires and keep us safe.

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