

Challenge 2

People Who Help Us...

What Does a Firefighter Do?

There are many different people who help us in the emergency services. The fire brigade work closely with the police force, paramedics and the coastguard to ensure that we are safe all of the time.

Great firefighters are...

- brave
- strong
- fearless
- determined
- hardworking
- healthy
- reliable
- team players
- trustworthy



Firefighters need to be available 24 hours a day and normally work in 10 hour shifts. There will be firefighters working even when you are asleep at night!

What roles and responsibilities do firefighters have?

The main role that a firefighter has is to respond to emergency situations and keep people safe. They respond to different emergencies including car accidents, flooding and fires. Firefighters are highly trained and work well as part of a team.

Where do they work?

Firefighters are based in a fire station where they wait for an emergency call. While they are waiting they practise their skills, rest and clean the fire engines and the equipment. It is really important that all of the equipment is clean and ready to be used in an emergency.



What do firefighters wear?

Firefighters have two different uniforms. The first is for when they are training and in the fire station. They also need to wear a protective uniform that ensures they are safe in an emergency situation.



What Does a Firefighter Do? Questions

Answer the questions below in full sentences.

1. If you dialled 999, which emergency services could you ask for?

2. How long is a normal shift for a firefighter?

3. What is a firefighter's main role?

4. Why does a firefighter need a gas mask?

5. Why is it tricky for firefighters to see in a fire?

6. Why is it important for the equipment to be clean?

7. Why do you think it is important for firefighters to work as part of a team?

8. Would you like to be a firefighter? Why?
