

Firefighters

Firefighters help to protect people from fire and other dangers, and give advice on fire prevention.

Average salary (a year)



£24,191

£32,244

Starter

Experienced

Typical hours (a week)



41 to 43

a week

You could work



evenings / weekends /
bank holidays
on shifts

Different routes to get this job

(check the website for entry requirements)

- a college course
- an apprenticeship
- applying directly
- a fire service training course

Skills and knowledge

You'll need:

- knowledge of public safety and security
- customer service skills
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- sensitivity and understanding
- knowledge of training and how to present information
- the ability to work well with others
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

Day-to-day tasks

Every day will be different, but you could:

- inspect and maintain equipment
- carry out practice drills and take part in training
- respond to emergency call-outs
- rescue people and animals from burning buildings and accident sites
- control and put out fires
- deal with bomb alerts and floods
- manage chemical or hazardous substance spills
- give presentations to schools and community groups
- inspect buildings to make sure they meet fire safety regulations

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