



Firefighters **at** Work

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Introduction

Hi. I'm Bill and I'm a firefighter. Firefighters help people in the community in many ways. This book explains how we work and shows you some of the equipment we use. It also tells you some interesting facts about fire.



Keep clear!

Firefighters must get to a fire or accident quickly. You might have heard our siren as the fire engine races down the street. The siren and flashing lights warn cars to move out of the way.





Fighting a fire

Sometimes a building catches fire. We are trained to work as a team to put the fire out. Some firefighters cut holes in the windows to let out smoke and gas. Others check that no-one is inside the building. Maybe there is an animal to rescue.

We must work quickly to stop the fire from spreading. We use water from a fire hydrant to spray the fire and cool down the building.





How fires start

After the fire has been put out, some firefighters try to work out how the fire started. A fire can be caused by many things.

Here are some ways a fire can start in a house:

- A burning candle falls over
- Oil on a stove burns too hot
- Clothes are left too close to a heater
- A child plays with matches

