

What does a Firefighter do?

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

How do you become a Fighter

You can get into this job through:

- a college course
- an apprenticeship
- applying directly
- a fire service training course
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You'll usually need:

- GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 or equivalent including English and Maths

Average Salary

From £24, 919 to £45, 861

Typical Working Week

41 to 43 Hours

Including Evenings, Bank Holidays and Weekends

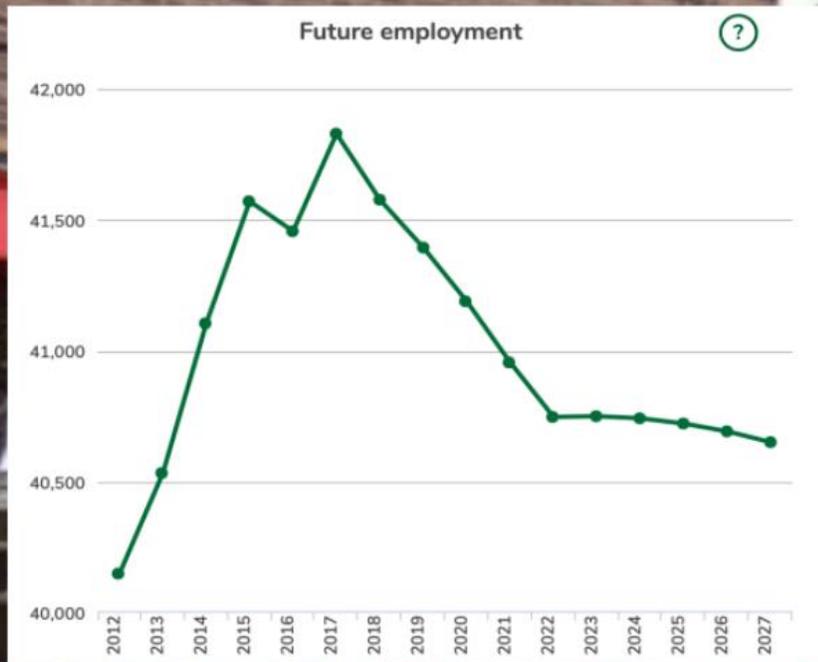
Day-to-Day Tasks

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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92% Male and 8% Female
The UK workforce is 53% Male and 47% Female

Skills and Knowledge to become a Firefighter

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

You'll need to:

- pass a fitness test
- pass a medical check
- pass enhanced background checks
- have a full driving licence
- be over 18 years of age

