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A fire truck races to a fire.

Introduction

Firefighters rush to fight a fire.

Firefighters put out fires and save lives.

They help keep fires from starting.

They teach about fire safety.



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.

Firefighting Tools

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.



ax

hose



ladder

Smoke masks protect firefighters from smoke.
Fans remove smoke from rooms.
Fire extinguishers can put out small fires.





This pumper truck carries a water pump.

Firefighting Machines

Fire trucks are important firefighting machines.

The fire engine has a pump to spray water.



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.



Fireboats can spray seawater.

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



A plane dumps chemicals on a forest fire.

Helicopters drop water on fires.

Large planes help put out forest fires.



Men and women study to become firefighters.

Becoming a Firefighter

Firefighters must be at least 18 years old.

They must be strong and fit.

They must also pass a written test.

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



Firefighters ride high in bucket ladders.



Fire can damage buildings very quickly.

Summary

Fires destroy thousands of buildings every year.

Fires also take many lives and destroy forests.



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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