

Questions for South Wales Fire and Rescue Service



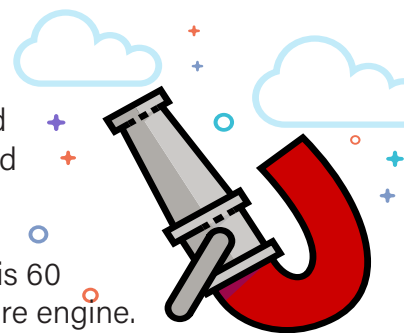
How much water fits in the fire truck?

Great question! Our fire engines hold 1800 litres of water in their tank which is a quite a lot of water. Sometimes we find that we need even more water to put out a fire and then we can use water directly from fire hydrants which you may find on your street.

How long is the fire hose?

We have lots of different fire hoses that we use for different types of fire. Our main hose is red and is 23 metres long. We are able to join more than one red hose together if we need to. Red hoses come in two different sizes, 45mm and 70mm.

Another type of hose that we use a lot is our yellow or black hose reel which is 60 metres long and you will be able to spot this wound up on either side of the fire engine. We can also join these hoses together if we need to. This type of hose can deliver water at really high pressure and is really useful for getting water on a fire very quickly.



Do you slide down the fire pole?

Yes, we do! Most of our Stations have a fire pole. They are very useful when we are called to an emergency as they help us to get downstairs quicker and more safely than if we needed to use the stairs.

How heavy is your firefighting gear?

We wear two different types of kit at South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, a yellow kit- which is heavier, and a red kit which is lighter. Our fire kit weighs around 2 -3kgs depending on its size. You will see that our firefighters also wear helmets which weigh around 1.5kg and, when we are putting out a fire, we wear breathing apparatus sets on our backs. These weigh about 15kg. We also wear metal toe protection boots. As you can see we carry quite a lot of weight around with us but it keep us all very safe.



Thank you for your questions!



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