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Fire Engine Number 4

Fire! Fire! A toy factory is on fire. Here come the fire engines! There are two hoses, an ax, a ladder and a lot of firefighters. The sirens and the flashing lights were on. All of the vehicles moved out of the way. They let the fire engine pass them.

The fire engine stopped at the toy factory. There was smoke coming out of the windows. There was smoke coming out of the roof. The firefighters laid the hose from the fire engine to the fire. The firefighters put the ladders up to the windows.

The fire marshal is in the helicopter. Over her radio, she tells the chief, "Get water on the roof across the street." The chief always tells the firefighters what to do.

A woman climbed out of a window. A firefighter helped her down the ladder. Two men were trapped on the top floor. The two men came down in the basket. There are more people to save. The firefighters bring the life net. A firefighter called out, "Bend your knees. Raise your arms. Jump into the middle of the net." Everyone is saved!

At last, the fire was out. The chief and the firefighters looked around the toy factory. They made sure the fire was out. They closed holes in the roof and floor. They cleaned up broken glass from the windows. They sweep away some of the water.

Firefighters are on the job all the time. Some work in fire stations at airports. If a place catches fire or an oil tank burns, firefighters use fog, foam or other chemicals to put the fire out. They wear special suits for these fires. The firefighters look like people from Mars.

The firefighters' job is getting bigger because cities are changing. cities are growing bigger. Buildings are getting taller. Firefighters need a lot of equipment and powerful fire engines. Fire engines have two-way radios. The ladder goes up by power. The rescue squad carries torches, electric saws and diving suits.

Firefighters try to keep fires from starting. They inspect buildings to make sure they are safe. Did you know there are fire schools? These schools teach men and women how to fight fires and save people. When they become firefighters, the men and women work in a fire station.

The fire station is a busy place. The firefighters stay and work there. They made their beds, cook and keep the fire station clean. After every fire, firefighters wash the hoses and hang them up to dry. They put the equipment in back, clean the fire engines and get ready for the next call. These are the firefighters you see.

There are some people who work at the fire station that you never see. You don't see the people in the special office where the fire calls come in, or the people who work to find out how fires start. You also don't see the people who study ways to stop fires.

You do see the firefighters as they rush to a fire.