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Who should sign up to the registry?  
How do I fill it out? \_\_\_\_\_

- **We need all firefighters**, regardless of whether they are in perfect health or have suffered from cancer or a disease, to sign up to the registry. We are also asking all retired firefighters with a cancer or disease diagnosis to sign up.
- **The more firefighters that sign up, the more data we will have**, and the easier it will be to prove the links between firefighting and cancer.
- **The registry is available online.** You will be asked for your personal information (name, age, gender, date of birth), and for information on your work characteristics, frequency of your exposure to fire toxins, and your lifestyle and health.
- **All the information that you provide will be anonymous**, and only members of the UCLan research team and clinicians working at Royal Preston Hospital will have access to the data.

Find out more and register:  
[www.uclan.ac.uk/fcdr](http://www.uclan.ac.uk/fcdr)



## BE PART OF THE MOVEMENT TO PROTECT FIREFIGHTERS

Thousands of firefighters across the UK  
have already signed up.

**Add your name**

**Tell a brother or sister**

**Help us make tangible change in  
the UK fire and rescue service**



# UK Firefighters Cancer and Disease Registry

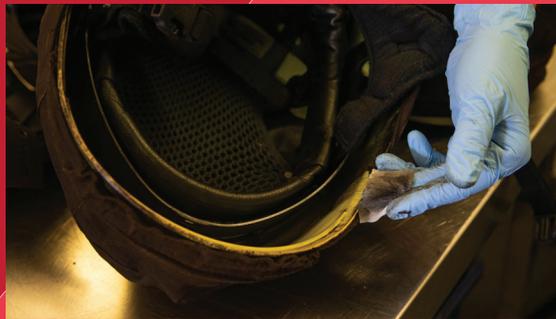
*Documenting the health risks firefighters face*

# THE HIDDEN HAZARDS OF FIREFIGHTING

Firefighters' work puts them at risk of exposure to toxic contaminants, which can cause cancer and other diseases.

Independent research commissioned by the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) and carried out by the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan), led by world specialist in fire toxicology Anna Stec, has found that firefighters can be four times more likely to get cancer in their working life than the general population.

An interim report based on this research identified measures to better protect firefighters from these contaminants. These recommendations have formed the basis of DECON, a training package launched by the FBU in September 2021 to help firefighters minimise their exposure to contaminants.



The Firefighters Cancer and Disease Registry will help us to identify other safety measures that will help to better protect firefighters, and reduce their risk of developing cancer or another serious disease.

We've seen first-hand the impact that cancer has on firefighters and their families, and we're determined to make firefighting safer for current and future generations. With your help, we can make this a reality.



This is the **first major study** into cancer and fire contaminants in the UK



## Understanding the health risks

The Firefighters Cancer and Disease Registry seeks to identify all firefighters who have been diagnosed with diseases and cancers, and will correlate any links between firefighters' occupation and exposure to toxic fire effluents.

This data will significantly help us to understand and respond to the health risks facing firefighters. It will ensure we can fight for better protections for firefighters at work, including training and resources, and to ultimately reduce the risk of cancer and disease.

The registry follows best practice from across the globe. Similar databases exist in the USA and Canada, where certain cancers are recognised as occupational diseases and presumptive legislation exists. This means that if you contract one of the listed diseases, you are automatically entitled to compensation.

Although there is similar legislation in the UK covering firefighters for asbestos-related diseases, cancer and other diseases are not recognised as directly linked to firefighters' work.

***This registry matters. Every firefighter across the UK should add their name.***