

Pre-visit teacher led session:

Captain Koala is a firefighter

Background

Firefighters are key helpers in the community. Children need to understand that firefighters wear special clothes and have special equipment.

Suggested teaching time

30 minutes



Objectives

To introduce the concept of firefighters to children and to inform children that firefighters are members of the community who help in an emergency.

Materials needed

- **Support material 2: What is CFA? What does CFA do?**
- **Support material 3: Helpers in our community**
- **Worksheet 1: Captain Koala is a firefighter**
- **Support material 4: Meet Captain Koala and friends**
- Coloured pencils

Session outline

1. Captain Koala: our community helper

30 minutes

- **Support material 2: What is CFA? What does CFA do?** and **Support material 3: Helpers in our community** provide background information that can help you answer questions that arise prior to the station visit.
- Provide each child with a copy of **Worksheet 1: Captain Koala is a firefighter** and introduce Captain Koala to the children.
- Explain that Captain Koala is a firefighter and helps people in emergencies – refer to **Support material 4: Meet Captain Koala and friends** for information about Captain Koala and his role at CFA. Ask students how they recognise a firefighter and how they know when firefighters are on their way to help in an emergency. Have children heard a siren or seen the truck's flashing red and blue lights?
- Inform children that in the coming days they will visit the local fire station (or, if that is not possible, CFA will visit the centre) where they will meet a firefighter who does similar work to Captain Koala. Children might like to share stories of any contact they have had with firefighters – this discussion can provide opportunities to assure children that firefighters are our friends and helpers.
- Children finish the session by completing the colour in activity.

Extension

- **Worksheet 2: Fire safety hat**