

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN)

FACTS SHEET

Special Educational Needs Educators:

West Midlands Fire Service has 9 Special Educational Needs (SEN) Educators, one per Operational Command Area as per the map below. These Educators are Firefighters, both men and women, each of whom has a background of Special Educational Needs as well as receiving additional training both from West Midlands Fire Service and Birmingham Specialist Services. Each firefighter also has considerable operational experience as a Firefighter as well as providing fire safety education.

Role of the Educator:

The SEN Educators' role consists of

- Establish links with Special Schools, Day Care Centres and Special Needs Groups with a view to providing Fire Safety Education.
- Working with the teachers or group leaders to select activities appropriate to that particular group from a catalogue of activities already prepared by West Midlands Fire Service
- Providing the Activity Sessions which have been selected through the use of WMFS SEN Resource Pack
- Working with Station watches to provide the same high standard of Fire Safety Education to this particularly vulnerable group
- Providing information and Home Packs for carers of those with Special Needs.

Who Can Use the Educators:

This valuable resource is available to all of the following groups:

- Special Schools
- Mainstream Schools with SEN groups
- Day Care Centres
- Activity Groups for people of all ages with Special Educational Needs
- Parent/carers groups
- Hospitals

How to Contact the Educator for your Area:

West Midlands Fire Service Educational Advisers provide the contact link for you to contact the SEN Educator for your area.

Your requests for a visit from the SEN Educator can be made in either of the following ways:

Contact Names: Fiona Rhodes or Joanna Malyon
Education Team
Address: West Midlands Fire Service Headquarters
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Birmingham
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