



FIRE
EMERGENCY

Family Information Sheet New Volunteer Recruits

If unable to complete this form at the time of application, please send your signed copy to volly.applications@fireandemergency.nz

INFORMATION REGARDING YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE UNDER 18 YEARS OLD:

The young person who gave you this sheet has applied to become a member of our volunteer fire brigade. Fire and Emergency recognises the need for young people to be supported by their families and whanau or others who are close to them if their time with our brigade is to be successful. We are providing this information so that you understand a bit more what it means to be a volunteer for us. We hope this will help you talk to the young person about whether volunteering is right for them, and if they proceed, to support them while they are in our brigade.

Fire and Emergency holds a position of trust and respect in our communities. Our volunteers often deal with people at a vulnerable time in their lives. For these reasons, it is important that anyone who volunteers for Fire and Emergency has good character and integrity. All volunteer applicants are police vetted prior to being accepted. If the young person is joining as an operational volunteer, they will also be required to complete medical screening with their doctor or a self-medical. This and any other testing required for the role will be paid for by Fire and Emergency.

Fire and Emergency takes the health and safety of our people incredibly seriously. We will take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure the young person's health and safety and to ensure compliance with all relevant laws associated with their service to our brigade.

While volunteering, the young person will face potentially traumatic incidents, including motor vehicle accidents, medical calls, and self-harm events that could involve death. In small communities, victims may be known to the volunteer. Fire and Emergency will endeavour to minimise the young person's exposure to these events. We also offer a range of support options that can assist the young person to process potentially traumatic events.

Many brigades run social events and have bars where alcohol is served. Alcohol will not be served to volunteers who are underage. Volunteer training may include courses that are held in other cities and require your dependent to reside in a hotel at Fire and Emergency's cost. The hotel room may have a mini bar. It is Fire and Emergency's expectation that any volunteer who is underage not consume alcohol.

Incident calls occur 24/7, meaning young people may be called out during the night or while they attend college during the day. Have a conversation with the college to see what response is acceptable and how this could be managed.

Young people joining a brigade are encouraged to return this form signed by a caregiver or someone close to them acknowledging that they have read this information and discussed with the young person joining the brigade. Any concerns can be raised with the Brigade Leader in the first instance.

Acknowledgment:

I, _____ parent/caregiver/other close adult of
Your Name (Please circle)

_____ have read and understood the information above and discussed it with the
young person who is applying to be a volunteer.

Applicant's Name

This information is collected in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 for the purpose of considering a young person's suitability to join a volunteer fire brigade. Failing to return this form will not prevent the young person from joining a brigade but Fire and Emergency may take additional steps to ensure they have appropriate support available. If you wish to access or correct information that Fire and Emergency holds about you, contact officialinformationrequests@fireandemergency.nz