

The NYC Fire Museum traces the history of firefighting from the early days of bucket brigades to present day.





Decorative helmets were used for parades but even these helmets show the **large brims** that allowed for

water to run away from the body.

Before motorized fire engines were introduced, the fire department relied on the **horse-drawn**

steam fire engine or pumpers.



The **'Jaws of Life'** is an important rescue tool for present day firefighters. It's used to reach people

trapped in cars, machinery, elevators and other metal structures.



Xtra Fun, Xtra Credit!

For adventurers 5+

Make your own fireman's helmet!



- Materials Needed:
- 1 red paper plate
- Paper Hole punch
- Yellow construction
 paper
- 24" red string
- Scissors
- Glue or Tape

Step 1 Cut inner circle of paper plate leaving approximately 3" uncut

Step 2 Fold inner circle upward to form front of helmet

Step 3 Cut a star out of construction paper

Step 4 Add the words FIRE DEPT. or a name inside the star and attach to center of circle with glue or tape

Step 5 With paper punch create 2 holes halfway around inner rim across from each other

Step 6 Attach 12" of red string to each hole to tie under chin

Put on your new helmet and have fun!!

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