

# DEAR PHYSICIAN

THE WORLD HEALTH  
ORGANIZATION (WHO)  
CLASSIFIED FIREFIGHTING AS  
A GROUP 1 CARCINOGEN.

**A**s a firefighter, I have a **14% greater risk of dying from cancer than the general population.** On the job, I may inhale, ingest, and absorb carcinogens from smoke, soot and fumes.

**Firefighters have an elevated risk for many cancers,** including:

- esophagus **62%**
- mesothelioma **60%**
- breast **45%** (women)
- skin **39%**
- testes **34%** (men)

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