

# What Does a Police Officer Do?

Police officers are part of the emergency services team, who respond to 999 calls alongside paramedics, firefighters and the coastguard.

## Great police officers are...

- honest
- hardworking
- friendly
- reliable
- brave
- strong



Police officers need to be able to work in lots of different situations, from rescuing someone who is trapped, to teaching children how to keep themselves safe. They need to have regular training to make sure that they are ready for anything!

## What jobs do they have to do?

A police officer's main job is making sure that everyone is safe and that people follow our laws. They are sometimes the first to an accident, so will give the person first aid treatment until the paramedics arrive. Police officers work with communities to help them at events and give information about how to stay safe.

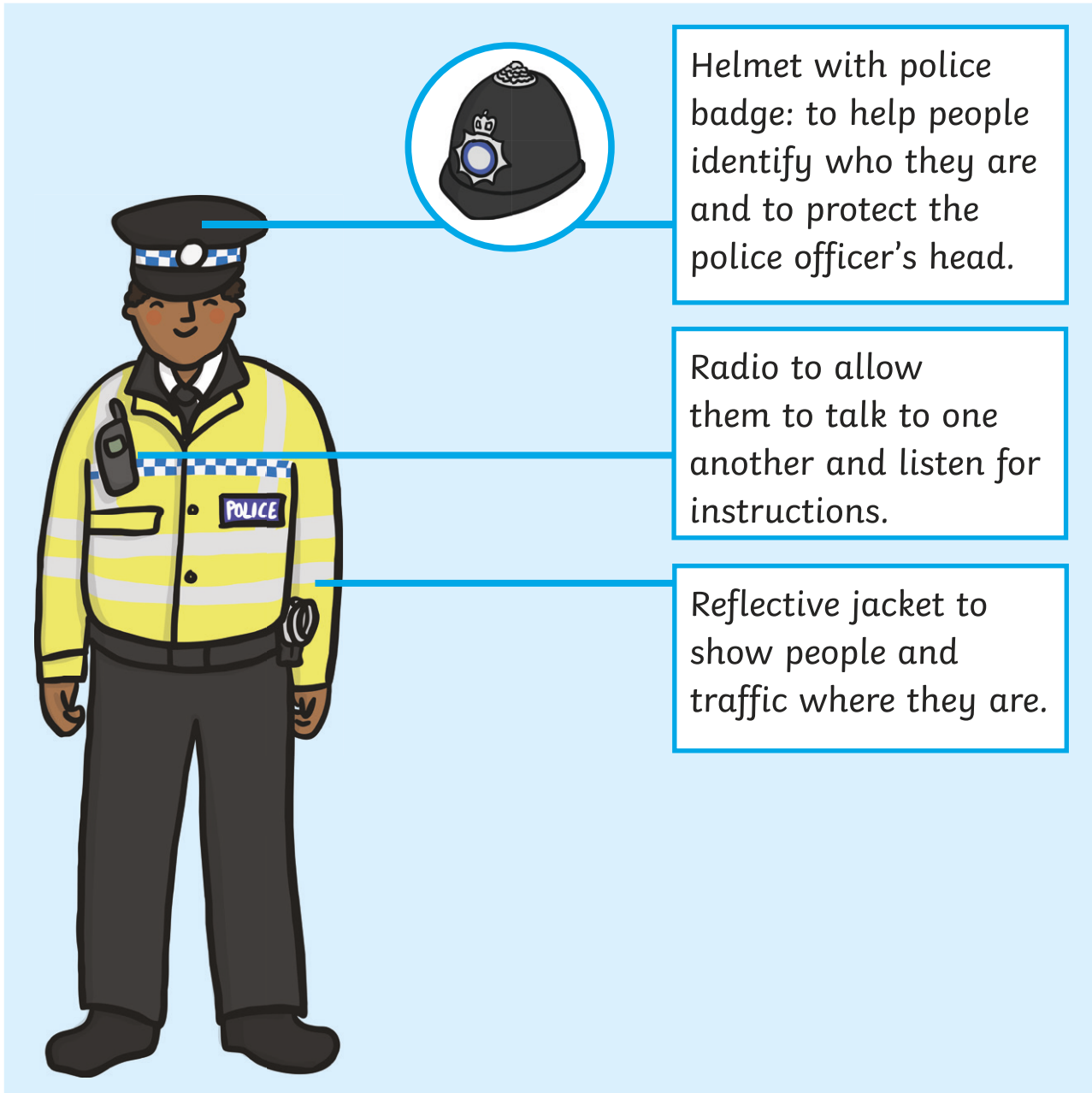
## Where do they work?

Police officers mainly work in police stations where they carry out tasks that have been given to them. They are also out and about in towns, sports stadiums and festivals. Police officers can travel to these places with police dogs and even horses to help them carry out their job.



## What do police officers wear?

Police officers wear a uniform that lets people identify who they are.



Helmet with police badge: to help people identify who they are and to protect the police officer's head.

Radio to allow them to talk to one another and listen for instructions.

Reflective jacket to show people and traffic where they are.

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Police officers need to be ready for any situation. They need to be able to stay calm and think clearly. They also need to be able to communicate well with other people so that they can reassure people when they are upset or angry.

## Where do they work?

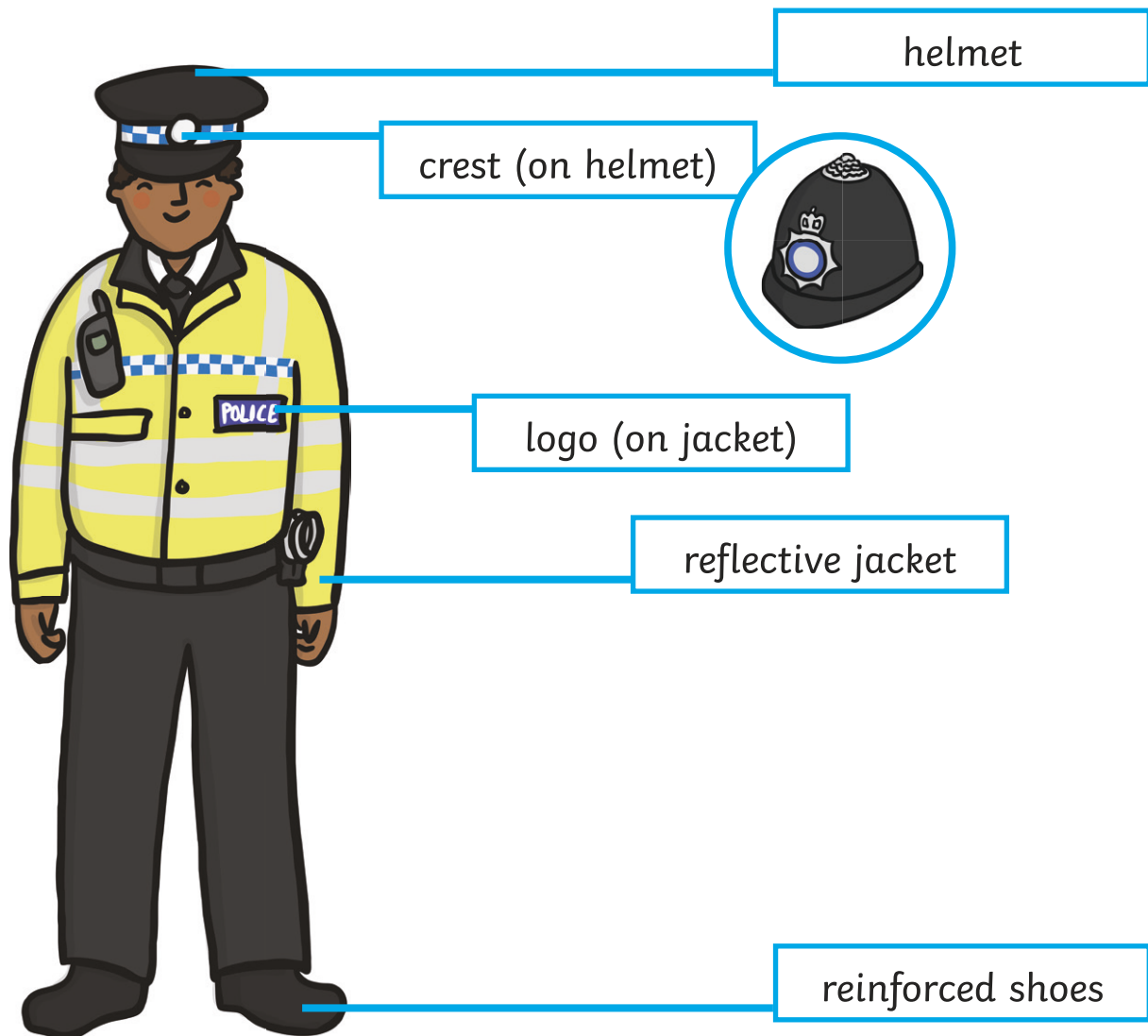
Police officers are usually based in the police station although they can be called for duty to just about anywhere! Animals are used to support police officers with their duties including dogs and horses. Horses are often used at large events where a police officer may need to see above the people in the crowd. They can then use their radios to pass messages on to other officers.

Police dogs use their amazing sense of smell to help find dangerous objects and chemicals. The dogs are specially trained and are even able to find people who are lost just by smelling their clothing.



## What do police officers wear?

A formal uniform is worn by most police officers. This includes a hat that has a crest of the police force that they work in. Their jackets are high-visibility which makes it easy for people to see them. On their jackets, they have a clear police logo so that people can identify who they are.



## How do you become a police officer?

Anyone wanting to become a police officer needs to complete a written test and prove that they are fit and healthy. You also need to have GCSE qualifications from secondary school.

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Police officers are a group of people whose job it is to enforce laws, help with emergencies, solve crimes and protect the public. Police officers are trained in first aid and rescue, because they are often one of the first people to get to a place where people are sick or injured, such as a car accident or a fire.

## Police Dogs

Police dogs are used to support police officers when solving crimes. A police dog's nose is about 50-times more sensitive than a human's nose, which makes them perfect for finding dangerous things. Not every dog can become a police dog. The best dogs tend to be German shepherds, labradors and spaniels, as they have a keen sense of smell. Only specially-trained officers are allowed to have a dog. They are called K-9 officers and are called to emergencies all around the country.



## What roles and responsibilities do police officers have?

Police officers are part of the emergency services team alongside paramedics, firefighters and the coastguard. Their main role is to ensure that people follow our laws and that people are safe. Police officers are also expected to help to calm people down when they are cross or upset. They can be asked to attend different events, such as parades or football matches, to ensure that everyone is safe and they also provide support and information to communities.

## Where do they work?

Police officers are based in police stations. This is where they carry out any paperwork and duties that need to be recorded. There are many places that you might see a police officer, including in town centres, at concerts, football stadiums and even fairgrounds. They are usually just making sure that everyone is safe





and they answer any questions that the public may have.

### **What do police officers wear?**

The formal uniform for a police officer consists of a helmet, white shirt, black tie, reflective jacket and dark trousers. The reflective jackets allow people to see them clearly at night and during the day. Police officers also carry a number of items with them, including a radio to listen to instructions, a light in case they are somewhere dark and a pair of handcuffs for moving criminals to the police station.

### **How do you become a police officer?**

In order to become a police officer, you need to ensure that you are fit and healthy. Police officers are required to carry heavy equipment and need to be able to run fast, so there is a physical test that you need to pass. You need GCSE qualifications from secondary school. You also need to be able to pass a written test before you are allowed to start your duties.

