



Incendiary Firefighting Equipment

This equipment was used for dealing with wartime fires caused by incendiary bombs.

Stirrup Pump - Stirrup pump-used with a bucket of water for extinguishing fires caused by bombs, but not on the bomb itself as the application of water increased the rate of burning and the possibility that the bomb would explode.

Sand Box - Contains sand for smothering the fire caused by the bomb and to contain the bomb when it was moved for disposal.

Shovel - To put sand on the bomb and smother the flames.

Rake - Once the bomb had sand on it, the rake was used to cover it with sand then pull it into the sand box for disposal. This set of equipment was held in Fire Stations, Police Stations, Air Raid Precautions' (ARP) posts and on the top landing of selected tenements throughout the city and the surrounding area. A lozenge shaped disc was fitted to the door standard of the tenement to indicate the equipment was available.

Teams of Fire Guards* and Fire Watchers* were also issued with this equipment and trained in its use.

* *Fire Guard was part of the ARP*

* *Fire Watcher paid factory worker who was on duty when the factory was empty*

