

## The RNLI – the charity that saves lives at sea – needs your support to provide proper protective kit for our dedicated volunteer lifeboat crews

RNLI volunteer crew are ordinary people doing extraordinary things. Over 4,600 men and women all over the UK and Republic of Ireland give their time, skill and commitment so that the RNLI can achieve its purpose of saving lives at sea. It is because of the willingness and courage of RNLI volunteer lifeboat crews that RNLI lifeboats continue to rescue thousands of people every year. It goes without saying that these volunteers *deserve* the most protective kit when putting their lives at risk to save others.

### Inshore lifeboat kit

The inshore lifeboat crew kit consists of a thermal ‘woolly bear’ suit that sits under an all-in-one dry suit, complete with steel-plated wellies, a helmet, thermal gloves and inflatable knee pads, in addition to a lifejacket with 380 Newtons of buoyancy that can support two people in the water.

This kit not only keeps our crew warm while out at sea – it can save their lives when rescues get dangerous. It is essential that we keep each volunteer’s crew kit fully functional and provide replacements if necessary. After all, without their protective kit, many of our crew members would never have made it home safely.

Inshore lifeboat gloves  
**£8/€10**

Inshore lifeboat thermal  
suit (woolly bear)  
**£160/€192**

Pager  
**£150/€180**



Inshore lifeboat safety helmet  
**£172/€206**

Inshore lifeboat lifejacket  
**£330/€395**

Inshore lifeboat drysuit  
(boots included)  
**£249/€298**

**Inshore crew members wearing their full personal protective kit.**

**Credit: RNLI/Adrian Don**

## All-weather lifeboat kit

As with the inshore lifeboat kit, the all-weather lifeboat kit must be kept in optimum condition if it is to keep our crew safe and warm in gale force winds, rain and even snow.

The kit consists of gloves, steel plated boots, waterproof trousers, all-weather jackets and a lifejacket with 290 Newtons of buoyancy.

All-weather  
lifeboat safety  
helmet  
**£172/€206**

All-weather  
lifeboat lifejacket  
**£350/€396**

All-weather  
lifeboat gloves  
**£8/€10**



Torbay lifeboat crew in their personal protective kit. Credit: RNLI/Nigel Millard

All-weather lifeboat  
jacket  
**£232/€278**

All-weather lifeboat  
trousers  
**£168/€201**

All-weather lifeboat  
boots  
**£42/€50**

Pager  
**£150/€180**

## How you can help

Our crew members take great pride in their kit and maintain it well because they know that their lives, and the lives of others, depend on it. For instance, it is not uncommon to visit a station and find a volunteer crew member painstakingly resealing the waterproof seals of their dry suit by hand. But, inevitably, each piece of kit reaches the end of its operational lifespan eventually.

Maintaining and supplying crew kit is a substantial investment, but a vital one; our crew members put themselves at risk in order to save lives at sea, and we owe it to them to provide them with the very best possible kit in return. With your support, we can keep our crew properly kitted out for years to come.

**On behalf of all our dedicated volunteer crews,  
thank you for your consideration**