



Mythbusters Plumbing Edition



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COMMON MYTHS ABOUT BEING A PLUMBER

Plumbing is a dirty job.

Plumbing's not all about toilets. In fact, many plumbers don't deal with blocked toilets at all. They may be up in the roof space or under the floor of a house or digging a trench, but that's no dirtier than playing sport. Some only work on new builds, fitting new bathrooms or kitchens – and some work in offices or stores selling plumbing products.

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You do the same thing all your life.

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There's a huge variety of work in the plumbing industry. Plumbers might specialise in one trade or do all three: plumbing, gasfitting and drainlaying. Some plumbing businesses only work on commercial jobs like hotels and airports, others only do work on people's homes, and some do both. Plumbers get to meet all sorts of people and work in all sorts of places. They can become designers, managers, engineers or consultants. So many opportunities – all over the world too!



Plumbing's not an important job.

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Imagine a world with no plumbers. No clean drinking water from the tap. No hot water in your house. Waste water and sewage with nowhere to go. Plumbers are essential for public health, for sustainability and for our environment. They ensure everything is working correctly and safely. People will always need plumbers!



It's not for girls.

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More girls are becoming plumbers. Female plumbers often tackle jobs in different ways from men, bringing new ideas. They are physically fit and strong. They work smart and hard. They are talented and passionate about plumbing. Some customers prefer female plumbers.



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People become plumbers if they can't go to university.

You have to be smart to be a good plumber. Some plumbers started university studies and changed when they realised it wasn't right for them. Plumbers generally prefer working outdoors, being active and doing hands-on, problem-solving work. Other plumbers want to help people in a practical way and enjoy seeing the positive outcome of their work. You can have a very successful career without going to university.

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You don't earn a lot of money.

Plumbing is a great career and you can end up owning your own business. Plumbers are never short of work and can earn more than university graduates. Apprentices don't earn a lot of money at the start of their training, but they're paid while they learn! They have no student loan and can use their wages to buy a car or a house – or travel the world!

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