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Firefighters Rescue Man In Pooh-Esque Bind

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New Zealand authorities said they freed a man stuck like Winnie-the-Pooh in his electric dryer while trying to retrieve a pair of underpants. Senior Constable Greg Sutherland of the Temuka police said a police officer, an ambulance and two fire crews were sent to the Waipopo home about 6:30 p.m. Sunday after the 42-year-old man's head, arms and shoulders became stuck in the dryer while he was trying to retrieve a pair of underwear from the back of the appliance, The Timaru (New Zealand) Herald reported Monday.

"He got in through the door of the dryer, his shoulders got stuck and he couldn't maneuver," much like Winnie, the beloved children's story character who got his head stuck in a honey jar, Sutherland said.

Sutherland said the man, who had been drinking, was "fairly agitated" once responders arrived, but the rescue was simple enough: Two firefighters held the dryer in place while two others yanked the man out.

"We do entrapments ... This would be one of the more unusual entrapments," firefighter Rooy Hoogenraad said.

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