

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2026/00608

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Request:

I would like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and, where applicable, the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

We are undertaking analysis of fire incidents across the UK, with a particular interest in emerging fire risks such as solar photovoltaic systems, battery energy storage systems, lithium-ion batteries, electric vehicles, e-bikes, e-scooters, and related technologies. However, we would also like to understand these incidents in the broader context of all recorded fire incidents.

Please provide the following information for all fire incidents attended by London Fire Brigade between:

1 January 2017 and 31 December 2025

If 2025 data is incomplete or not yet finalised, please provide the latest available data and indicate the date range covered.

ROUTING REQUEST

If this request has been sent to the wrong mailbox, please forward it to the appropriate Freedom of Information, Environmental Information Regulations, Information Governance, or Data Protection team within your organisation.

If your organisation does not hold the requested information, please confirm this and, where possible, advise which public authority is likely to hold it.

Please acknowledge receipt of this request and confirm whether it has been forwarded internally or externally.

REQUESTED DATASET

Please provide one row per incident, where held, with the following fields:

Incident_ID_Pseudonymised
Related_Primary_Incident_ID
Incident_Link_Type
Incident_Date_Time
Fire_Category
Primary_Fire_Subcategory
Property_Type

Premises_Type
Domestic_or_NonDomestic
Motive
Cause_Category
Source_of_Ignition
Item_First_Ignited
Main_Item_Responsible_For_Spread
Relevant_Technology
Subcategory
Confirmed_or_Suspected
Cause_Role
Postcode_Unit
LAD_Code
Easting_Rounded_1km
Northing_Rounded_1km
Injuries
Fatalities
Rescues
Evacuations
Damage_Extent
Number_of_Appliances_Attending
Incident_Duration_Minutes

FIELD DESCRIPTIONS

Please interpret these fields as follows, or provide the closest equivalent fields held in your incident recording system.

Incident_ID_Pseudonymised:

A non-identifying incident reference. Please do not provide original incident numbers if these are considered sensitive.

Related_Primary_Incident_ID:

Where held, a pseudonymised identifier linking a secondary fire, reignition, duplicate, or related incident to a primary fire or wider incident.

Incident_Link_Type:

The relationship between linked incidents, for example secondary linked to primary fire, reignition/repeat attendance, duplicate/merged incident, same event/multi-incident scene, exposure fire/spread from another incident, or not linked.

Incident_Date_Time:

Date and time of the incident, where disclosable. If exact time is too granular, please provide incident date only, month/year, or a broad time band.

Fire_Category:

Primary fire, secondary fire, chimney fire, or closest equivalent.

Primary_Fire_Subcategory:

Dwelling, other building, road vehicle, other outdoor, not applicable, or closest equivalent.

Property_Type:

Broad property or location type.

Premises_Type:

More specific premises description, where held.

Domestic_or_NonDomestic:

Domestic, non-domestic, vehicle, outdoor, or unknown.

Motive:

Accidental, deliberate, unknown, or closest equivalent.

Cause_Category:

Broad cause category, as recorded.

Source_of_Ignition:

Recorded source of ignition, where held.

Item_First_Ignited:

First item or material ignited, where held.

Main_Item_Responsible_For_Spread:

Main item responsible for fire spread, where held.

Relevant_Technology:

Any recorded involvement of solar PV, battery storage, lithium-ion batteries, electric vehicles, e-bikes, e-scooters, mobility scooters, vapes, power banks, power tools, waste/recycling batteries, or other relevant emerging technologies. If none is identified, please mark as "None identified".

Subcategory:

More specific technology/product/component involved, where relevant.

Confirmed_or_Suspected:

Whether the technology involvement was confirmed, suspected, mentioned only, not applicable, or unknown.

Cause_Role:

Whether the technology was the cause of fire, suspected cause, item first ignited, source of ignition, contributing factor, present but not causal, exposed to fire, not applicable, or unknown.

Postcode_Unit:

Full postcode unit, where disclosure is permitted.

LAD_Code:

Local Authority District code for the incident location.

Easting_Rounded_1km:

British National Grid easting rounded to the nearest 1km.

Northing_Rounded_1km:

British National Grid northing rounded to the nearest 1km.

Injuries:

Number of recorded injuries.

Fatalities:

Number of recorded fatalities.

Rescues:

Number of recorded rescues, where held.

Evacuations:

Number of people evacuated, where held.

Damage_Extent:

Recorded extent of fire damage or spread, where held.

Number_of_Appliances_Attending:

Number of fire appliances attending, where held.

Incident_Duration_Minutes:

Incident duration in minutes, where held.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

For each incident, please provide the most granular geographic identifier that can be disclosed.

My preference order is:

1. postcode unit;
2. Local Authority District code;
3. rounded easting and northing coordinates to the nearest 1km.

I do not require full addresses, house numbers, street names, occupier names, exact coordinates, names of individuals, original incident numbers, or any other directly identifying personal information.

If postcode unit is considered too granular for disclosure, please provide LAD_Code and Easting_Rounded_1km / Northing_Rounded_1km instead.

RELEVANT TECHNOLOGY CLASSIFICATION

Where your records identify or mention relevant technologies, please classify them using your own recorded categories where available. Technologies of interest include, but are not limited to:

Solar PV

Battery energy storage system

Lithium-ion battery

Electric vehicle

E-bike

E-scooter
Mobility scooter
Power tool battery
Mobile phone / tablet / laptop battery
Vape / e-cigarette battery
Power bank
Waste / recycling battery
Industrial battery system
Unknown rechargeable battery
Other technology
None identified
Unknown

Relevant subcategories may include, where held:

Domestic rooftop solar PV
Commercial rooftop solar PV
Ground-mounted solar PV
Solar farm
Solar inverter
Solar panel / module
DC isolator
DC cabling / connector
Solar PV battery storage
Domestic battery energy storage system
Commercial battery energy storage system
Grid-scale battery energy storage system
E-bike battery
E-bike charger
E-bike conversion kit
E-scooter battery
E-scooter charger
Electric vehicle battery
Mobility scooter battery
Power tool battery
Garden tool battery
Laptop battery
Mobile phone battery
Tablet battery
Vape / disposable vape
Power bank
Battery charger
Loose battery cells
Battery in waste bin
Battery in refuse vehicle
Battery at recycling centre
Unknown battery product
Other
Unknown

If these are not held as structured fields, please do not manually classify every incident. Instead, please provide any relevant structured cause, source of ignition, item first ignited, and free-text-search-derived indicators that are

reasonably retrievable within the statutory cost limit.

LINKED INCIDENTS

Where an incident is recorded as linked to another incident, please provide a pseudonymised linked incident identifier.

In particular, where a secondary fire is recorded as associated with, caused by, or linked to a primary fire, please provide the pseudonymised primary fire incident ID in Related_Primary_Incident_ID.

If this linkage is not held in a structured format, please mark the field as "Not held" rather than manually deriving it.

FORMAT REQUESTED

Please provide the data in CSV or Excel format.

If possible, please include a brief data dictionary explaining any local codes or categories used.

COST-LIMIT ADVICE

If providing incident-level data for all fire incidents would exceed the statutory cost limit, please provide advice and assistance on how the request could be refined.

In that case, I would be grateful if you could prioritise one of the following options:

1. provide incident-level data only for incidents involving or mentioning the relevant technologies listed above; and/or
2. provide all other fire incidents in aggregated form by year, LAD code, fire category, property type, motive, cause category, injuries and fatalities; and/or
3. provide a reduced date range, beginning with the most recent complete year of data.

Please let me know if any part of the request requires clarification.

Response:

This information is exempt from disclosure to you under [section 21 of the FOIA, Information accessible to applicant by other means](#).

As we routinely get asked for information about LFB incident data, we have published these details on the [London Datastore](#) to assist those who request it.

The information we publish about incidents that have occurred is accessible via the following link: <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/london-fire-brigade->

[incident-records-em8xy](#). You can also find summary incident reports at the London Datastore here: <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/london-fire-brigade-incidents-attended-summary-report-24yd8>.

There is also current published data on our FOI Disclosure log at the following link: <https://london-fire.disclosurelog.co.uk/disclosures/3791bb2b-6fa4-43fe-a1b0-472f6445217c>.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request on our website: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/>