

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2026/00452

Date of request: 21st April 2026

Request:

Having reviewed the response, I would be grateful if you could assist me with the following additional questions:

1. Maximum occupancy / fire capacity for the rooftop bar

The audit report refers to the rooftop bar as the Rumpus Room. This space is currently operated under the name the 12th Knot Bar. Could you please confirm whether the London Fire Brigade holds any record of the maximum permitted occupancy or fire safety capacity for this specific area — either under the name Rumpus Room or 12th Knot Bar?

2. Name change notification

Could you please confirm whether the London Fire Brigade received any notification from Sea Containers Hotel Limited regarding the renaming of the rooftop bar from the Rumpus Room to the 12th Knot Bar, and whether any updated fire risk assessment was submitted reflecting this change?

3. Post-incident inspection — 2 August 2025

My original request asked whether any fire safety inspection was carried out following an incident at the venue on 2 August 2025. The response confirmed the most recent audit was completed on 4 March 2025. Could you please confirm whether the London Fire Brigade received any report, notification, or complaint relating to the 12th Knot Bar or Sea Containers Hotel in connection with an event held on 2 August 2025, and whether any inspection or investigation was conducted as a result?

4. October 2024 incident

The audit conclusion states it was conducted following a post-incident attendance by fire crews in October 2024. Could you please provide any information held on the public register regarding the nature of that incident? I understand that some of this information may be exempt under section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am only requesting information available on the public register or otherwise disclosable.

I would be grateful if this could be treated as a new FOI request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, with the statutory 20 working day response period applying from the date of receipt

Response:

Further to your last request, please find below an additional response to the questions regarding Sea Containers Hotel, 20 Upper Ground, London, SE1 9PD.

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occupancy or fire safety capacity for this specific area — either under the name Rumpus Room or 12th Knot Bar?

LFB have the following details on file under the record “Rooftop Bar 330”. The source is a marriage licence application on file from 2021.

Civil marriage and partnership venue

Rooftop Bar - 330

Room 2 - maximum number of persons studio 1-70

Room 3 - maximum number of persons studio 2-70

Room 4 - maximum number of persons studio 3-50

Room 5 - maximum number of persons studio 4-60

Room 6 - maximum number of persons studio (2 apartments) 40

Room 7 - maximum number of persons studio The Gallery - 40

Room 8 - maximum number of persons - N/A

Room 9 - maximum number of persons - N/A

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LFB records were updated adding restaurant details on the LFB Farynor system in November 2023. The entry states "Sea Containers Restaurant".

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LFB do not have any record of attendance at this property on 2nd August 2025. However, there are records held of a station visit on 4th August 2025. The table below has details for this address. Records, *Confirmation of attendance* of two incidents on the 21st and 23rd October 2024 are also below.

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/>



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Type	Address	Date	Description	Job type	Status
Special Service	SEA CONTAINERS LONDON HOTEL, SEA CONTAINERS, 20 UPPER GROUND, LONDON, SOUTHWARK, SE1 9PD	25/02/20 26	Other condition	Medical incident - Other condition	
Station Visit	SEA CONTAINERS LONDON HOTEL, SEA CONTAINERS, 20 UPPER GROUND, LONDON, SOUTHWARK, SE1 9PD	04/08/20 25	High Rise Premises 7(2)d	Outside Duty	Complete d
Fire Safety Inspection	20 UPPER GROUND	04/03/20 25	Fire Safety Audit	Fire Safety Audit	Complete d
Special Service	SEA CONTAINERS LONDON HOTEL, SEA CONTAINERS, 20 UPPER GROUND, LONDON, SOUTHWARK, SE1 9PD	23/10/20 24	Service not required	Service not required	
Special Service	SEA CONTAINERS LONDON HOTEL, SEA CONTAINERS, 20 UPPER GROUND, LONDON, SOUTHWARK, SE1 9PD	21/10/20 24			
False Alarm	SEA CONTAINERS, 18 UPPER GROUND, LONDON, SOUTHWARK, SE1 9PD	28/02/20 24	AFA		
Station Visit	SEA CONTAINERS LONDON HOTEL, SEA CONTAINERS, 20 UPPER GROUND, LONDON, SOUTHWARK, SE1 9PD	27/11/20 22	High Rise Premises 7(2)d	Outside Duty	Complete d
Station Visit	SEA CONTAINERS LONDON HOTEL, SEA CONTAINERS, 20 UPPER GROUND, LONDON, SOUTHWARK, SE1 9PD	26/09/20 22	High Rise Premises 7(2)d	Outside Duty	Complete d
Fire Safety Inspection	20 UPPER GROUND	22/09/20 22	Fire Safety Audit	Fire Safety Audit	Complete d
Station Visit	SEA CONTAINERS LONDON HOTEL, SEA CONTAINERS, 20 UPPER	08/03/20 20	Sea Containers	Potential High Rise Premises 7(2)d	Complete d

	GROUND, LONDON, SOUTHWARK, SE1 9PD				
False Alarm	SEA CONTAINERS LONDON HOTEL, SEA CONTAINERS, 20 UPPER GROUND, LONDON, SOUTHWARK, SE1 9PD	04/06/20 19	AFA		
Fire Safety Inspection	20 UPPER GROUND	28/02/20 19	Fire Safety Audit	Fire Safety Audit	Complete d
Fire	SEA CONTAINERS LONDON HOTEL, SEA CONTAINERS, 20 UPPER GROUND, LONDON, SOUTHWARK, SE1 9PD	28/01/20 19	Primary Fire		
Fire Safety Inspection	20 UPPER GROUND	17/02/20 17	Fire Safety Audit	Fire Safety Audit	Complete d
Fire	SEA CONTAINERS LONDON HOTEL, SEA CONTAINERS, 20 UPPER GROUND, LONDON, SOUTHWARK, SE1 9PD	11/02/20 17	Primary Fire		
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Confirmation of attendance of London Fire Brigade to a special service* incident

Date of report: 27 May 2026

Reference: 178623-21102024/47590

The data presented below have been derived from a computer database. The principal purpose of the database is statistical analysis and to facilitate this analysis, information has been classified into broad categories.

Incident number:	178623-21102024
Fire station ground where fire occurred:	Dowgate
Time and date of call to the Brigade:	14:04 hrs 21 October 2024
Origin of call:	Person (land line)
Recorded time and date of arrival of Brigade:	14:06 hrs 21 October 2024
Recorded time and date incident under control:	15:44 hrs 21 October 2024
Time and date incident closed:	22:20 hrs 21 October 2024

(The address below may not be shown in full as it could result in the disclosure of personal data under the Data Protection Act)

Address qualifier:	Correct incident location
Building name/Number:	20
Flat/Unit name/Number:	
Street:	UPPER GROUND
Locality:	
Town:	LONDON
County:	
Post Code:	SE1 9PD
Further description of location (where required):	
Type of property involved:	Hotel/motel
Type of special service:	Suicide

*A special service is any non-fire related incident and includes circumstances such as road traffic collisions, rescues of persons in difficulty, dealing with flooding and making structures safe.

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Confirmation of attendance of London Fire Brigade to a special service* incident

Date of report: 27 May 2026

Reference: 179878-23102024/47589

The data presented below have been derived from a computer database. The principal purpose of the database is statistical analysis and to facilitate this analysis, information has been classified into broad categories.

Incident number:	179878-23102024
Fire station ground where fire occurred:	Dowgate
Time and date of call to the Brigade:	15:46 hrs 23 October 2024
Origin of call:	Person (mobile)
Recorded time and date of arrival of Brigade:	16:01 hrs 23 October 2024
Recorded time and date incident under control:	16:01 hrs 23 October 2024
Time and date incident closed:	16:10 hrs 23 October 2024

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Address qualifier:	Within same building
Building name/Number:	20
Flat/Unit name/Number:	
Street:	UPPER GROUND
Locality:	
Town:	LONDON
County:	
Post Code:	SE1 9PD
Further description of location (where required):	
Type of property involved:	Purpose built office
Type of special service:	Service not required

*A special service is any non-fire related incident and includes circumstances such as road traffic collisions, rescues of persons in difficulty, dealing with flooding and making structures safe.

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