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Request:

Please can you provide data on fires in commercial premises which were not being used for their commercial purpose, caused by domestic uses consistent with sleeping risk e.g. cooking, unsafe disposal of smoking materials, unsafe heating practices.

I am specifically looking for commercial premises where on attendance, firefighters found signs of apparent dwelling type occupation.

Response:

Our Data team have provided the table below which shows the number of fires in 'Non-residential' property types, since 2021, where 'sleeping' was mentioned in the further information free-text field on LFB's Incident Management System (IMS):

Count of Incident Number	Calendar Year						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Combustible articles too close to heat source (or fire)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Cooking – chip pan/deep fat fryer	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Cooking – other cooking	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Fault in equipment or appliance	0	1	0	1	0	1	3
Faulty fuel supplies – Electricity	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
Faulty leads to equipment or appliance	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately	0	1	1	1	2	1	6
Natural occurrence	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Pending Fire Investigation Team findings	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Playing with fire (or heat source)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Unable to determine	1	1	0	1	4	0	7
Unsafe use of equipment or appliance (heat source)	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Unsafe use of heat source - due to knocking over	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Unsafe use of heat source - due to sleep or unconsciousness	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Unsafe use of heat source - due to unsafe disposal	2	0	1	0	0	2	5
Total	4	4	5	7	9	7	36