

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2026/00515

Date of request: 6th May

Request:

For the period from 1 January 2018 to the present, any available data relating to residential buildings within your jurisdiction where interim fire safety measures have been implemented.

Specifically, I request:

1. A list of residential buildings (including name and postcode where available) where interim fire safety measures have been recommended, required, or implemented, including but not limited to:
 - * Waking watch (24/7 fire patrols)
 - * Simultaneous evacuation policies replacing "stay put"
 - * Installation of temporary or common fire alarm systems
2. Any records of enforcement action, deficiency notices, or fire safety notices issued in relation to such buildings.
3. Where held, the reason for the interim measures (e.g. external wall system concerns, cladding defects, compartmentation issues, fire door defects).
4. Where available, the current status of the building (e.g. remediation complete, ongoing, or not started).

If full addresses cannot be disclosed, please provide partial data (such as postcode district or anonymised identifiers).

Response:

Thank you for your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Prevention & Protection (Fire Safety) Team has reviewed the information held that falls within the scope of your enquiry. The details provided below represent the recorded data held at the time of your request. The Fire Safety Team has supplied the following information, including the accompanying table.

1. Interim Measures Data:

Over 18m

- Waking watches – 231
- Fire alarms - 547
- Fire alarms with evac management – 191
- Under investigation – 2

Under 18m

- Waking watches – 175
- Fire alarms – 431
- Fire alarms with evac management – 71
- Under investigation – 5

Total 1653

2. We currently have 519 with Enforcement action against the address.

3. Details the reasons for the evacuation change:

| ALL Buildings - Over and Under 18m Currently in Simultaneous Evacuation | | | |
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| As of 15 th May 2026 | Total | Over 18m | Under 18m |
| Number of buildings currently on the simultaneous list | 1653 | 971 | 682 |
| ACM related | 179 | 118 | 61 |
| Non ACM cladding issues | 839 | 498 | 341 |
| Compartmentation issues | 421 | 211 | 210 |
| Cavity barriers missing/inappropriate | 87 | 57 | 30 |
| Structural issues | 65 | 41 | 24 |
| Ventilation not working | 12 | 9 | 3 |
| Unknown issues | 27 | 14 | 13 |
| Faults identified via High Rise Building Data Portal | 23 | 23 | 0 |

4. We must refuse this part of the request under [Section 31\(1\)\(g\) of the Freedom of Information Act](#). The information is drawn from our internal case-tracking notes, which document ongoing regulatory and enforcement activity undertaken jointly with Local Authorities. Disclosure would be likely to prejudice the exercise of those functions by revealing operational detail about buildings where remediation or enforcement action is still in progress.

While we cannot release specific addresses, we can provide the information aggregated at borough level. We do publish all enforcement/alteration/prohibition notice/ restriction notice and improvement notice here - <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/community/public-notices/>

London Fire Brigade (LFB) collects data for buildings with a temporary suspension of 'stay put' where an interim simultaneous evacuation strategy has been put in place. This includes, but is not limited to, waking watches, which the National Fire Chiefs Council guidance defines as a system where 'suitably trained persons continually patrol all floors and the exterior perimeter of the building in order to detect a fire, raise the alarm, and carry out the role of evacuation management'. Residential buildings with an interim simultaneous evacuation strategy in place could have personnel on site or a remote monitoring system, but this is determined by the Responsible Person with guidance from a competent fire safety professional.

The figures can change daily when interim measures are required, or a building is remediated and no longer requires the interim measures. The number of buildings where an interim simultaneous evacuation strategy has been put in place, as of 15th May 2026 are presented by borough and by height in the table below.

| <u>Local Authority</u> | <u>Total blocks</u> | <u>Over 18 metres</u> | <u>Under 18 metres</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Barking and Dagenham | 33 | 22 | 11 |
| Barnet | 15 | 10 | 5 |
| Bexley | 8 | 1 | 7 |
| Brent | 53 | 26 | 27 |
| Bromley | 9 | 4 | 5 |
| Camden | 43 | 25 | 18 |
| City of London | 8 | 5 | 3 |
| Croydon | 37 | 14 | 23 |
| Ealing | 34 | 15 | 19 |
| Enfield | 16 | 7 | 9 |
| Greenwich | 92 | 65 | 27 |
| Hackney | 107 | 58 | 49 |
| Hammersmith and Fulham | 44 | 10 | 34 |
| Haringey | 42 | 8 | 34 |
| Harrow | 10 | 7 | 3 |
| Havering | 18 | 8 | 10 |
| Hillingdon | 20 | 10 | 10 |
| Hounslow | 34 | 16 | 18 |
| Islington | 110 | 50 | 60 |
| Kensington and Chelsea | 77 | 39 | 38 |
| Kingston upon Thames | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Lambeth | 77 | 35 | 42 |

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|----------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Lewisham | 52 | 26 | 26 |
| Merton | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| Newham | 100 | 83 | 17 |
| Redbridge | 23 | 12 | 11 |
| Richmond | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Southwark | 165 | 88 | 77 |
| Sutton | 9 | 6 | 3 |
| Tower Hamlets | 196 | 154 | 42 |
| Waltham Forest | 16 | 12 | 4 |
| Wandsworth | 59 | 37 | 22 |
| Westminster | 132 | 109 | 23 |
| Total | 1,653 | 971 | 682 |

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/>