

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2025/00383

Date of request: 16th April

Request:

please send me report on cause of fire, as well as the report on the state of fire safety in the building - specifically there are no smoke/ fire detectors in communal spaces - hallways and stairwells - which meant a fire was burning in the building and no one else in the building was aware. It was only from the smell of smoke where I realised I had to escape.

Secondly, there are no floorplans in the block to allow emergency services to see how to navigate the burning building - this resulted in a lot of time lost in working out how to access flat.

thirdly no safety lights - meaning when the corridor filled with black smoke - it wasn't possible to see.

Response:

Please see attached a Confirmation of Attendance which is a free basic report created for all incidents. Please note, in most cases, we charge for Incident Reports, and they are considered exempt from the Freedom of Information provisions as it is "information accessible by other means" ([FOIA Section 21](#)). For more details about our Incident Reports service, please see the [information on our website](#).

As Incident Reports often contain information that is likely to be personal data, we assess every request to make sure that you are entitled to receive a report, and we meet the requirements of the Data Protection Act (DPA). Decisions on eligibility are made on a case-by-case basis but are usually limited to the people that are an owner or tenant of damaged property, people injured during an incident, or any organisation acting on their behalf.

Our Fire Safety Regulatory team have confirmed there is an open post fire audit for this property that has not been completed yet. So we are unable to provide a fire safety audit at present. You are welcome to submit a new request for this information. We recommend resubmitting your request in a couple of months.

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>

Confirmation of attendance of London Fire Brigade to a fire incident

Date of report: 16 May 2025

Reference: 063350-13042025/44045

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:	063350-13042025
Fire station ground where fire occurred:	Homerton
Time and date of call to the Brigade:	19:54 hrs 13 April 2025
Origin of call:	Person (mobile)
Recorded time and date of arrival of Brigade:	19:59 hrs 13 April 2025
Recorded time and date incident under control:	22:55 hrs 13 April 2025
Time and date incident closed:	15:25 hrs 14 April 2025

(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:	ACADEMY APARTMENTS
Flat/Unit name/Number:	FLAT 46
Street:	INSTITUTE PLACE
Locality:	HACKNEY
Town:	LONDON
County:	
Post Code:	E8 1JZ
Further description of location (where required):	
Type of property where fire started:	Converted Flat/Maisonettes - 3 or more storeys
Supposed motive for the fire:	Accidental

(Note that the motive for a fire can rarely be determined with certainty and is not the subject of extensive enquiry by the Brigade at fires of this type. The most likely cause that can be ascertained while at the scene of the fire is recorded for Brigade and government statistical purposes only)

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