

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2026/01276

Date of request: 7th October

Request:

Number of operational incidents that the Service has attended (over the last 24 months) that turned out to be fires involving mobiles (including charging units / charging bases etc) and laptops?

Response:

I refer to your correspondence dated 7 October 2026, which has been processed as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A breakdown of the relevant incidents by calendar year is provided in the table below, showing those where the recorded ignition source was either a phone or a laptop.

From 01/01/2024 – 25/10/2026.

Count of Incident Number	Calendar Year			
Ignition Source Other	2024	2025	2026	Grand Total
Awaiting BV analysis of sampled laptop	0	0	1	1
Discarded mobile phone	0	0	1	1
laptop	0	0	1	1
laptop battery	0	1	0	1
Lithium Ion phone power bank	1	0	0	1
Mobile phone	0	0	1	1
mobile phone	0	1	0	1
Used a laptop charger to power a power bank (incorrect usage)	0	0	1	1
Grand Total	1	2	5	8

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/>