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**Request:**

Hi, I am researching a story and would like to know as under the Freedom Of Information Act how many houses have caught fire because of knock off mobile phone chargers. I am researching this after a 12-year-old in Brazil bought a Chinese knock off charger and was electrocuted and then died after plugging her phone in to one of these cheap knock off chargers. Furthermore, I know Brazil are forcing mobile phone manufacturers to include chargers with new mobile phones. I think the UK should be doing the same as well.

**Response:**

Further to your request, please see the information below for the number of fires where the ignition source was either by mobile phones or phone chargers. We do not hold information regarding the make and model of phone chargers.

Count of Incident Number	Calendar year							
Ignition Source	2016	2017	2018	2020	2021	2022	2023	Grand Total
iPhone charger		1						1
lithium battery/mobile phone			1					1
Lithium ion Phone Battery					1			1
Lithium-ion mobile phone battery				1				1
mobile phone	1				1	1	1	4
Mobile phone battery					1			1
mobile phone charger							1	1
mobile phone lithium ion battery					1			1
Mobile phone power pack	1							1
phone battery		1				1		2

Phone Charger					1			1
Samsung smart phone battery				1				1
Wireless phone charger							1	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>

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/>