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**Request and Response:**

*How many LFB fire inspections have identified non-compliance over fire separation regulations with an adjoining property/properties?*

*Please provide a year-by-year breakdown of these from 2013 onwards.*

*Of these, what prohibition powers, for example legal enforcement or alteration notices, have been used by the LFB?*

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Thank you for your request, dated 13 February 2019 regarding non-compliance over fire separation regulations with an adjoining property/properties.

We do hold this information, but not in a way that can be extracted automatically. We do record which Articles of The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (RRO) require attention and a concern about fire separation would be a breach of [Article 8: Duty to take general fire precautions](#), but inadequate fire separation would not be the only condition that this article applies to. The London Fire Brigade (LFB) have three stages of enforcement action should a premises be found to be non compliant under the RRO. This includes an informal notification of fire safety deficiencies (NOD), an enforcement notice and prohibition notice.

I am able to tell you that there have been 4,600 NOD's and 1,149 Enforcement Notices issued that contain an Article 8 infringement (in some cases, these many be at the same premises so can not be aggregated).

Year	Art 8. NOD	Year	Art 8. Enforcement Notice
2013	725	2013	206
2014	481	2014	132
2015	676	2015	194
2016	875	2016	201
2017	886	2017	232
2018	908	2018	158
2019* (to date)	109	2019*	26
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4660</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1149</b>

To find out which of these cases had inadequate fire separation with an adjoining property/properties would require a manual search of each file. This will take in excess of 290 hours and therefore exceeds the "[appropriate limit](#)" for which we are obliged to respond (please let me know if you need me to explain that further).

I'm sorry we couldn't be of more help on this occasion, however I hope you find what has been provided of use.