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Request and Response:

How many fire incidents have the LFB dealt with over the last five years where poor or non-compliant fire separation was cited as a contributing factor to the spread of a fire?

Please provide a year-by-year breakdown of these from 2013 onwards. Were any lives lost, or people injured, in these incidents? If so, please provide numbers.

Thank you for your request, dated 13 February 2019 regarding records of fires attended by the London Fire Brigade (LFB) where fire separation issues have been cited as a contributing factor to the spread of fire since 2013.

In response, please see the figures set out in the table below.

Please note these details have been identified by the attending crews and we cannot confirm the accuracy of the recording unless a fire investigation officer has attended.

PropertyClass	Compartmentation	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Grand Total
Dwelling	Breached - current building work	8	6	8	5	5	8	40
	Breached - fire doors left open or incorrectly fitted	36	21	30	22	22	30	161
	Breached - previous building work	1	4	2	3	4	7	21
	Damage to compartmentation	39	27	23	26	16	23	154
	Fire spread through gaps or voids in construction	32	28	38	32	23	36	189

	No compartmentation in building	87	75	63	49	51	32	357
	Other	32	68	34	22	28	34	218
	Stopped/Checked spread	824	764	766	760	785	728	4,627
	(blank)	5,138	4,900	4,876	4,639	4,691	4,563	28,807
Dwelling Total		6,197	5,893	5,840	5,558	5,625	5,461	34,574
Non Residential	Breached - current building work	14	7	15	9	4	21	70
	Breached - fire doors left open or incorrectly fitted	9	8	7	6	11	8	49
	Breached - previous building work	8	4	6	2	10	2	32
	Damage to compartmentation	29	17	26	20	26	26	144
	Fire spread through gaps or voids in construction	60	50	80	50	62	57	359
	No compartmentation in building	294	289	233	211	226	201	1,454
	Other	69	83	67	66	63	62	410
	Stopped/Checked spread	1,355	1,155	1,311	1,274	1,329	1,110	7,534
	(blank)	374	311	382	339	352	332	2,090
Non Residential Total		2,212	1,924	2,127	1,977	2,083	1,819	12,142
Other Residential	Breached - current building work	3						3
	Breached - fire doors left open or incorrectly fitted	1		2	1	2	1	7
	Breached - previous building work	1	1			1		3
	Damage to compartmentation	7		2		4	1	14
	Fire spread through gaps or voids in construction	2	1	3	4	2	5	17
	No compartmentation in building	20	20	19	10	11	14	94
	Other	6	11	8		6	7	38
	Stopped/Checked spread	440	352	343	271	302	297	2,005
	(blank)	1	1				1	3
Other Residential Total		481	386	377	286	328	326	2,184
Grand Total		8,890	8,203	8,344	7,821	8,036	7,606	48,900

I hope you find the information provided of use. Should you have any further questions do let me know.