

Freedom of Information request reference number: 7877.1

Date of response: 18 September 2023

Request:

Please provide me with the number of fires involving e-scooters and e-bikes in each of 2021 and 2022.

Please provide a breakdown for e-scooters and e-bikes please.

If also possible within the time constraints, can you provide the number of people injured/killed in such fires

Response:

The table below shows the information recorded for the 2021 and 2022 calendar years:

Year	Lithium battery device	Number of fires	Number of fatalities	Number of injuries
2022	e-bike	87	0	44
	e-scooter	29	0	12
Total		116	0	56
2021	e-bike	48	0	24
	e-scooter	30	0	9
Total		78	0	33
Grand Total		194	0	89

Please note, the information is taken from a report that focuses on all lithium battery fires, using a combination of a filter on the new ignition source fields 'e-bike' and 'e-scooter' and free text search for 'e-bike' and 'e-scooter' and other lithium battery devices. While some lithium powered items have recently been added to the ignition source list they are not always recorded as such when an incident occurs. As a result, data may not be 100% accurate.

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](#).