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Request:

I am interested in fire-damaged buildings. Please could you inform me of how many buildings in London on average per year are severely fire damaged? And who is involved in the after-care of the building post-fire?

Response:

Please see our response to each of your requests in turn below:

Please could you inform me of how many buildings in London on average per year are severely fire damaged?

The LFB do not hold this specific information. However, the LFB do record the 'extent of fire and heat damage at stop' on our incident management system. This information is input by attending crews (to primary fires) and is chosen from a pre-set drop down list of categories set up for reporting purposes.

The table below details each time one of these categories has been selected during calendar years 2018, 2019 and 2020. Please note, once summed up this table will not represent a total number of fires attended by LFB, meaning you are unable to take percentages from it (*i.e. X percent of fires attended by LFB damaged the whole building*). This is because to the LFB also attend fire incidents that are effected by heat and smoke damage only (so are not fire damaged) as well as attending secondary fires and chimney fires (where damage information is not recorded).

| Extent of Fire and Heat Damage at Stop | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Affecting more than 2 floors (not whole building) | 47 | 48 | 37 |
| External roof only | 59 | 48 | 49 |
| Limited to 2 floors (not whole building) | 175 | 133 | 117 |
| Limited to floor of origin (not whole building) | 545 | 458 | 469 |
| Limited to item 1st ignited | 3,582 | 3,593 | 3,209 |
| Limited to room of origin | 1,918 | 1,753 | 1,724 |
| Roof space and other floors(s) | 42 | 44 | 25 |
| Roof space only | 36 | 26 | 25 |
| Whole building | 172 | 158 | 175 |
| Whole roof (including roof space) | 6 | 2 | 2 |

Who is involved in the after-care of the building post-fire?

The LFB do not hold this information.

Under current law, fire safety is the responsibility of the 'responsible person' for the building concerned as explained on our website [here](#). In addition, detailed information in relation to the LFB's responsibility to enforce fire safety legislation can be found on our website [here](#).

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/>