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Request:

Could we have the data referring to the number of fires caused on residential balconies from discarded cigarettes by each year from August 2018 to May 2022.

Response:

These are all smoking related dwelling fires that started on balconies/elevated walkways:

Location fire started	Location (other)	2018 (from 1 Aug)	2019	2020	2021	2022 (to 2 May)
Private balcony		15	75	76	64	36
Communal balcony/elevated walkway		5	18	16	7	1
Other	Balcony			1		2
	Rear of balcony		1			
Grand total		20	94	93	71	39

The same fires by ignition source:

Ignition source	2018 (from 1 Aug)	2019	2020	2021	2022 (to 2 May)	Grand total
Cigarette	18	86	88	69	36	297
Cigarette lighter	2	6	1			9
Smoking materials		2	4	2	3	11
Grand total	20	94	93	71	39	317

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/>