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Request:

Would it be possible to give the latest figures for battery bike fires in London please ? 2021 figures ? I saw from the website that there was 25 battery bike fires in London attended by the LFB in the first half of 2021 . We are looking at our overall risk from battery bike fires and this would be helpful.

Response:

I have attached a table with the most recent figures for the number of fires attended where all types of lithium battery were believed to be the cause (this included e-bike and e-scooter lithium batteries).

Please note, the data in the table includes incidents that were recorded under a new ignition source for 'e-bike' and 'e-scooter' as well as a free text search (for historical data) on e-bikes, e-scooters, e-cigarettes and other lithium battery devices. As a result of using the free text search, the historical data may not be 100% accurate.

Year	Number of fires attended where a lithium battery was believed to be the cause					
	Month	e-bike	e-cigarette	e-scooter	Other Lithium Battery	Grand Total
2022	January	7	1	2	3	13
	February	4		1	3	8
	March	8		1	3	12
	April	2		2	1	5
	May	7	1		6	14
	June	4		2	2	8
	July	8	1	6	3	18
2022 Total		40	3	14	21	78
2021	January	3	1	2	2	8
	February	1		2	4	7
	March			3	3	6
	April	5		1	5	11
	May	6		4	2	12
	June	4	1	1	5	11
	July	5		1	3	9
	August	8	1	3	2	14
	September	3		2	5	10
	October	3	1	8	1	13
	November	5		3	2	10
	December	4			1	5
2021 Total		47	4	30	35	116
2020	January				1	1
	February	1	1		1	3

	March		1		2	3
	April		1		2	3
	May	3			5	8
	June	2		3	1	6
	July	1		2	1	4
	August				3	3
	September	1		2	4	7
	October	2		6	4	12
	November	3		2	2	7
	December			3		3
2020 Total		13	3	18	26	60
2019	January	2			1	3
	February				1	1
	March				1	1
	April	1			2	3
	May				2	2
	June	1			2	3
	July	1		1	2	4
	August	3				3
	September	1	1		1	3
	November			1		1
	December	1	1		4	6
2019 Total		10	2	2	16	30
2018	January				1	1
	February	1			4	5
	March			1		1
	April		1			1
	May				3	3
	August	1	1		3	5
	September				1	1
	October				1	1
	November	1			1	2
	December			1		1
2018 Total		3	2	2	14	21
Grand Total		113	14	66	112	305

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](#).