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Request:

I'd like to request all LFB stats & incident reports for all electric vehicle battery fires, including e-bikes, e-scooters, e-skateboards, passenger EVs, electric buses, e-trucks please.

Response:

We have a record of attending the following fire incidents involving lithium batteries since 2018

Row Labels	e-bike	e-cigarette	e-scooter	Other Lithium Battery	Grand Total
2018	3	2	2	14	21
2019	10	2	2	16	30
2020	13	3	18	26	60
2021	47	4	30	35	116
2022	68	5	25	37	135
Grand Total	141	16	77	128	362

We have also recently published some FOI responses in relation to our lithium battery fires which you might find useful.

- <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/media/7024/foi-response-68711.pdf>
- https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/media/6923/67681_response.pdf
- <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/media/6755/response-foia66211.pdf>
- https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/media/6565/64821_foi-response.pdf
- https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/media/6539/64431_response.pdf
- https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/media/6726/62581_response.pdf

Individuals and organisations affected by an incident that was attended by London Fire Brigade since 2001 can request a 'fire report' which, for fires that involve buildings, vehicles, or those that cause injuries, provides more details about the incident and the cause of the fire where known.

Fire reports are not available under the freedom of information act (FOIA) as they are considered a chargeable service and, as such, will incur a fee. As a result they are exempt via [Section 21 of the FOIA - Information accessible to applicant by other means](#). Regrettably this means we cannot provide you with a copy of the fire report (or the information held within it) without payment.

If you do want to go ahead and request a copy of any fire reports, I must also advise that you may not be eligible to receive a copy. However, if any eligible party (such as the owner/a tenant/local borough council/insurance firm or loss adjustor) requests the primary fire report document, and is willing to share it with you, then we would be able to provide consent for them to do this.

Further information about how to obtain a LFB incident report is published on our website and can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/services-and-facilities/services-we-offer/incident-reports/>

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/>