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Request: Please can you provide a breakdown of incidents, from November 2018 to date, in which waking watches played an active and effective role in the emergency evacuation of a residential building, specifically: - The number of recorded incidents - The above number as a proportion of total incidents - If available, the total number of people per incident verified as having been evacuated by waking watch operatives.

Response: Further to your request for information on waking watches, we do not hold this information, however, we can provide the following information below.

Since 2018, we have recorded 34 fires at buildings with a waking watch and a simultaneous evacuation strategy in place.

Out of the 34 fires, two recorded evacuating a total of 23 people with assistance from London Fire Brigade (LFB).

Out of the 34 fires, nine recorded evacuating a total of 461 people without assistance from LFB. Please also note that with 19 of the fires, the fires didn't spread beyond the first item ignited.

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/>