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Request:

I was wondering if you had seen an increase in electric blanket fires. As energy bills rise quick-fix heaters have become increasingly popular and I think it is important to alert the public to the dangers of these alternatives. It would be great if you could send over any statistics// information.

Response:

In response, our Data team have provided us with the information below showing the number of electric blanket fires attended in the last 10 years:

Number of fires attended where ignition source is recorded as: Electric blanket	
Calendar Year	Total
2012	17
2013	12
2014	8
2015	7
2016	12
2017	4
2018	5
2019	5
2020	7
2021	4
2022	4
TOTAL	85

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