

**Freedom of Information request reference number:** 7312.1

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**Request:**

Under Freedom of Information, I would be grateful if you could assist with the following enquiry. We are interested in the number of fires in refuse vehicles and at waste and recycling centres. I appreciate you may not have a specific code for this, and if not, it would be great if you could use a free text search for any terms you might think would capture this (e.g., waste centre, recycling centre, rubbish truck, refuse vehicle). It would be great to have the data split by waste facilities and refuse vehicles, and broken down by the years 2020, 2021 and 2022.

**Response:**

Please see the below table with the data from 2020 to 2022, for all refuse, recycling and wasteland fires.

Count of Incident Number	Calendar Year			
Property Type	2020	2021	2022	Grand Total
Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip, paladin)	588	597	654	1,839
Recycling collection point, bottle bank	17	11	12	40
Recycling plant	17	15	20	52
Refuse/rubbish tip	86	93	88	267
Small refuse/rubbish container	1,589	1,491	2,157	5,237
Wasteland	99	48	83	230
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,396</b>	<b>2,255</b>	<b>3,014</b>	<b>7,665</b>

2. The table below shows the number of fires in dust carts (Bin lorries) from 2020 to 2022.

Count of Incident Number Row Labels	Calendar Year			
	2020	2021	2022	Grand Total
BIN LORRY ALIGHT		1		1
DUST CART ALIGHT JUNCTION WITH MAYESBROOK PARK		1		1
DUST CART ALIGHT	1	1		2
DUST CART ALIGHT FRU REQUESTED FROM SCENE	1			1
DUST CART ALIGHT NEAR THE IBIS HOTEL		1		1
DUST CART ALIGHT - JUNCTION GREAT PETER STREET			1	1
DUST CART ALIGHT NEAR ONSLIP AT HILLINGDON CIRCUS WESTBOUND		1		1
DUSTCART ALIGHT		1	1	2
DUSTCART SMOKE ISSUING - NEAR TO CYGNET CLOSE			1	1
H271 RUNNING CALL TO SMOKE ISSUING FROM DUSTCART H271 ATTENDING NO FURTHER ATTENDANCE REQUIRED		1		1
RUNNING CALL TO BIN VAN ALIGHT F231 ATTENDING, NO FURTHER ATTENDANCE REQUIRED		1		1
SMOKE ISSUING FROM DUSTCART		1		1
VEOLIA - SMOKE ISSUING FROM REAR OF BIN LORRY			1	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>

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