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**Request:**

Dear LFB, I am conducting research on residents' fire-related self-evacuation from high-rise residential buildings (e.g., frequency of occurrence, any association with height of building, floor of origin, time of day). I manually collected data by searching the Incidents section of LFB's website over a 12-month period, looking for phrases such as "Around X people were evacuated from the building before the Brigade arrived". However, there were two issues: (i) the occurrence (or lack) of self-evacuations did not appear to be routinely reported; and (ii) a subsequent look at the LFB incident data from the last 3 years made me realise that only a fraction of attended high-rise fires are reported in the Incidents section. Therefore, I would like to know the following before proceeding further: (A) Does LFB keep a record of self-evacuations? (B) If so, how should I go about requesting access to that data (e.g., FOI request)? Your help would be much appreciated. Kind regards, Dr Lynn Hulse (University of Greenwich).

**Response:**

Further to your request, please see the tables below that hold information regarding self-evacuations. We looked at all fires in 2022 that either had the property type purpose built flats/maisonettes - 10 or more storeys', or another type of purpose built flats/maisonettes or converted flats/maisonettes that also had a floor count above the main of 6 or above.

As you will see below, we also record the number of people evacuated with or without assistance, although it is only an estimate. We also publish incident reports online, which can be found online here: [incident report stats online](#).

	2022
Fires (Flats – 6 or more storeys)	630
Evacuated With Assistance	325
Evacuated Without Assistance	2855

Hour of the day	Fires (Flats – 6 or more storeys)
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0	21
1	15
2	13
3	9
4	9
5	9
6	9
7	11
8	10
9	25
10	27
11	26
12	26
13	29
14	27
15	41
16	58
17	43
18	46
19	46
20	39
21	34
22	30
23	27

<b>Floor of fire origin</b>	<b>Fires (Flats – 6 or more storeys)</b>
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-1	21
0	109
1	67
2	78
3	44
4	62
5	62
6	26
7	38
8	23
9	16
10	13
11	5
12	8
13	7
14	3
15	7
16	3
17	3
18	1
19	1
21	2
25	1
29	1
33	1
Unknown	28



Floors of the building	Fires (Flats – 6 or more storeys)
0	1
1	1
2	1
3	1
4	2
5	3
6	147
7	82
8	72
9	43
10	51
11	36
12	33
13	15
14	16
15	7
16	13
17	10
18	17
19	7
20	22
21	11
22	11
23	5
24	8

25	6
26	1
30	1
32	1
33	2
34	1
36	1
38	1
61	1

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