

Freedom of Information request reference number: 7422.1

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Request:

1. How many firefighters have died as a result of lithium-ion battery fires between April 2022 - April 2023?
2. How many times have your firefighters come into contact with a vapour cloud?
3. How many fires specifically in recycling centres or scrapyards they you encountered between April 2022 - April 2023 (excluding other waste fires)?

Please provide the information in the form of a word document or pdf.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request, my details are outlined below.

Response:

Further to your request, please see below for the data.

1. How many firefighters have died as a result of lithium-ion battery fires between April 2022 - April 2023?

Between 1st April 2022 and 30th April 2023, there was a total of 3 deaths due to lithium-ion battery and none were firefighters.

2. How many times have your firefighters come into contact with a vapour cloud?

We do not keep records and data of firefighters coming into contact with a vapour cloud.

3. How many fires specifically in recycling centres or scrapyards they you encountered between April 2022 - April 2023 (excluding other waste fires)?

There have been two fires recorded as taking place at Recycling plants.

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/>