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Request:

Hello, I am a master student in Yildiz Technical University in Istanbul. I am writing my master thesis about the museum fires around the world. I need some technical information about the reasons and results of fires that occur in museum. If you have a database about it could please share it with me?

Response:

Please see below all Museum fires since 2016 including the main cause and location fire started.

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Description	Year	Motive	Type	Main Cause	Location Fire Started
SMOKE ISSUING FROM PLANT ROOM OF WORK					
SITE BETWEEN V AND A MUSEUM AND NATURAL					
HISTORY MUSEUM	2016	Accidental	Museum	Faulty fuel supplies – Electricity	Other
SMOKE ISSUING FROM EXHIBITION	2016	Accidental	Museum	Faulty fuel supplies – Electricity	Other
FIRE IN NEW ARMOURIES KITCHEN	2016	Accidental	Museum	Cooking – other cooking	Kitchen
				Heat source and combustibles brought together	
FIRE IN COFFEE SHOP PINNER VIEW SIDE	2016	Deliberate	Museum	deliberately	Barn
SMOKE ISSUING FRONT HALL BUILDING BEING					
EVACUATED	2016	Accidental	Museum	Faulty fuel supplies – Electricity	Store room
AFA ACTUATING	2016	Accidental	Museum	Fault in equipment or appliance	Boiler room
SMOKE ISSUING FROM BUILDING NEXT TO					
CHURCH	2016	Accidental	Museum	Other intentional burning, going out of control	Other
FOUR PUMP FIRE BASEMENT PROCEDURE					
IMPLEMENTED LINE OPS LEVEL 1	2016	Accidental	Museum	Chimney fire	Boiler room
SMOKE ISSUING ACCESS VIA IMPERIAL					Lift/Lift shaft/Motor
COLLEGE ROAD	2017	Accidental	Museum	Fault in equipment or appliance	room
				Heat source and combustibles brought together	
AFA ACTUATING	2017	Deliberate	Museum	deliberately	Barn
SMOKE ISSUING FROM THE ESCALATOR IN THE					
SCIENCE MUSEUM, ACCESS VIA ADDRESS GIVEN					
ABOVE	2019	Accidental	Museum	Faulty fuel supplies – Electricity	Other
SMELL OF BURNING	2020	Accidental	Museum	Faulty leads to equipment or appliance	Kitchen
SMOKE ISSUING	2020	Accidental	Museum	Faulty fuel supplies – Electricity	Corridor/Hall
FIRE	2020	Accidental	Museum	Faulty fuel supplies – Electricity	Reception area
					Power
FIRE IN BOILER ROOM	2020	Accidental	Museum	Faulty fuel supplies – Electricity	house/Plant/Generator
FIRE ENTER VIA MAIN ENTRANCE	2021	Accidental	Museum	Cooking – other cooking	Kitchen
AFA ACTUATING AND SMOKE ISSUING FROM					
CEILING HATCH	2022	Accidental	Museum	Faulty fuel supplies – Electricity	Boiler room
SMOKE ISSUING FROM ESCALATOR FROM LEVEL					
0-2 BUILDING BEING EVACUATED	2022	Accidental	Museum	Overheating, unknown cause	Reception area

Property

Calendar

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