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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. Yes, you can share that information as it is made available to the public.

Description	Calendar Year	Motive	Property 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
FIRE IN COFFEE SHOP PINNER VIEW SIDE	2016	Deliberate	Museum	Heat source and combustibles brought together 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 COLLEGE ROAD	2017	Accidental	Museum	Fault in equipment or appliance	Lift/Lift shaft/Motor room
AFA ACTUATING	2017	Deliberate	Museum	Heat source and combustibles brought together 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
FIRE IN BOILER ROOM	2020	Accidental	Museum	Faulty fuel supplies – Electricity	Power 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

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