

Freedom of Information request reference number: 8778.1

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Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information about fires at cannabis factories, and suspected cannabis factories, within your authority.

I am requesting the data for the following calendar years, 2019-2024 (until latest available date in 2024):

Q1: How many fires were recorded at suspected or confirmed cannabis factories in your authority, in each year?Q2: If any, how many fatalities were recorded at each incident?

Response:

Further to your request, please see the table below with the number of fires at Cannabis farms/factories or cultivations broken down by calendar year for 2019 to 2024. Please note free text was used to search and identify fires with the words 'Cannabis', 'Cannabis farm' and 'Cannabis factory' used in the description.

I have also included the number of fatalities related to fires at Cannabis farms/factories or cultivations broken down by calendar year from 2019 to 2024 to date.

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/

Count of Incident Number							
Fire description	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Cannabis farm/factory	19	21	21	19	15	10	105
Grand Total	19	21	21	19	15	10	105

Sum of Num All Deaths								
Fire description	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total	
Cannabis farm/factory	0	0	1	0	0	0		1
Grand Total	0	0	1	0	0	0		1