

Freedom of Information request reference number: 7705.1

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Request:

I write to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information from you regarding the statistics surrounding the number of fires in the construction industry and the number of fires, injuries and fatalities caused by hot works in the areas this fire service is responsible for.

The specific information we are requesting is: The number of fires in the construction industry (buildings under construction) in 2022/23.

The number of fires caused by hot works in the construction industry in 2022/23.

The main causes of hot works incidents in the construction industry.

The number of injuries and fatalities caused by hot work incidents in the construction industry.

Response:

Please see below the number of fires caused by hot works fires as the main cause. The data is for the period 01 January 2021 to 26th July 2023.

Unfortunately, we do not hold information on if the building was under construction. There were also no recorded injuries and fatalities caused by hot work incidents in the construction industry between 1st January 2021 and 26th July 2023.

Count of Call ID	Calendar Year			
	2021	2022	2023	Grand Total
Combustible articles too close to heat source (or fire)	2	1	1	4
Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately	0	1	0	1
NULL	0	1	0	1
Unsafe use of equipment or appliance (heat source)	3	2	2	7
Unsafe use of heat source - due to unsafe disposal	0	1	1	2
Grand Total	5	6	4	15

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/>