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Request:

I was recently refused access to Tate Modern (London) due to carrying an e-bike battery. They have stated the following as the reason: "We are no longer permitted to keep any vehicles powered by a lithium battery onsite due to the risk of fire. This guidance was issued just in 2022 by our Head of Safety and Security following instruction from the London Fire Brigade after reports of a series of fires caused by large lithium batteries. As a result, this ban is now part of our licensing agreement with the local fire authority." Are you able to confirm this is correct? Is this stance regularly reviewed?

Response:

Our Prevention and Protection (Fire Safety) department have confirmed that any decision to restrict vehicles powered by lithium batteries from a premises would be made by the Responsible Person for fire safety at the site.

The LFB highlights the risk of fire from a lithium batteries to those responsible for fire safety on our website. This advice and guidance note can be accessed and downloaded via the following link: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/lithium-batteries/chargesafe-guidance-for-responsible-persons/>.

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](#).