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Request:

I work in the fire industry and use your website a lot. most events don't give much information such as cause of fire, casualties and cause, what went wrong etc. I would like to know how I can access details of results of fire investigations.

Response:

I would like to direct you to the readily available and wide range of information about the incidents that the LFB publishes through the [London Datastore](#). Details of every incident responded to since January 2009 are available here <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/london-fire-brigade-incident-records>

We also provide statistical data to the Home Office which is published on their [website](#) and includes information on the cause of fires. <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/fire-statistics-data-tables>

Our Fire Facts report Fires in Greater London provides the most in depth review of fire data in LFB's 150 year history. The publicly available data (2000 to 2022) is divided into four sections: long term trends, where fires happen, fires in the home and fires in other buildings and can be accessed here: <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/lfb-fires-in-london-1966-2019---fire-facts>

We also provide a range of statistical data about fire deaths in London. It includes a time series of data back to 1966, data for fire deaths by London borough, where people die, what causes the fires where people die, plus ethnicity and gender data about those who die in fires. This information can be accessed here: <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/fire-facts--fire-deaths-in-greater-london>

In addition, individuals and organisations affected by an incident can also request a fire report from the LFB which provides more details about the incident and the cause of the fire where known. Not all incidents are attended to by our Fire Investigation (FI) team. If our FI team do attend, they can produce two different reports. These are the Fire Investigation summary report or a full prose report. The full prose reports are completed for fatal fires or fires attended by 12 or more pumps.

Fire reports are not available under the freedom of information act (FOIA) as they are considered a chargeable service and, as such, will incur a fee. As a result they are exempt via [Section 21 of the FOIA - Information accessible to applicant by other means](#).

Further information about how to obtain a LFB incident report is published on our website and can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/services-and-facilities/services-we-offer/incident-reports/>

If you do want to go ahead and request a copy of any fire reports, I must also advise that you may not be eligible to receive a copy. However, if any eligible party (such as the owner/a tenant/local borough council/insurance firm or loss adjustor) requests a fire report, and is willing to share it with you, then we would be able to provide consent for them to do this.

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/>