



Freedom of Information Request FOI 20 51

How many schools have been impacted by fires and whether sprinklers were present

Query and response:

1. How many fires at schools have you attended in the last five full years (2014-2019 or nearest period, if not available). Please provide a breakdown per year.

Year	Total
2014	8
2015	9
2016	16
2017	13
2018	10
2019	18
Grand Total	74

2. Of the school fires you attended in this period, how many had sprinklers fitted?

Three

3. Please provide a breakdown of the causes of fire by year.

Year	Cause	Total
2014	Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately	4
	Fault in equipment or appliance	3
	Negligent use of equipment or appliance (heat source)	1
2014 Total		8
2015	Fault in equipment or appliance	3
	Cooking - other cooking	2
	Other	1
	Overheating, unknown cause	1
	Combustible articles too close to heat source (or fire)	1
	Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately	1
2015 Total		9
2016	Faulty fuel supply – electricity	2
	Fault in equipment or appliance	2
	Overheating, unknown cause	2
	Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately	2



	Accidental-Fault in equipment or appliance	1
	Faulty leads to equipment or appliance	1
	Accidental-Natural occurrence	1
	Accidental-Cooking - other cooking	1
	Cooking - other cooking	1
	Accidental-Negligent use of equipment or appliance (heat source)	1
	Accidental-Combustible articles too close to heat source (or fire)	1
	Accidental-Overheating, unknown cause	1
2016 Total		16
2017	Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately	3
	Faulty fuel supply – electricity	3
	Deliberate - others property-Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately	3
	Fault in equipment or appliance	2
	Overheating, unknown cause	1
	Cooking - other cooking	1
2017 Total		13
2018	Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately	3
	Other	2
	Fault in equipment or appliance	2
	Cooking - other cooking	1
	Overheating, unknown cause	1
	Bonfire going out of control	1
2018 Total		10
2019	Fault in equipment or appliance	6
	Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately	4
	Other	2
	Combustible articles too close to heat source (or fire)	2
	Cooking - chip pan/deep fat fryer	1
	Overheating, unknown cause	1
	Negligent use of equipment or appliance (heat source)	1
	Faulty fuel supply - electricity	1
2019 Total		18
Grand Total		74

4. For each year, please also provide a breakdown of



a. type of school e.g. primary, secondary

Year	Boarding	Primary	Secondary	Grand Total
2014	1	2	5	8
2015	3	4	2	9
2016	1	9	6	16
2017	2	5	6	13
2018	1	3	6	10
2019	1	10	7	18
Grand Total	9	33	32	74

b. Any injuries or deaths

Year	Deaths	Injuries
2014	0	0
2015	0	0
2016	0	0
2017	0	3
2018	0	0
2019	0	2

c. Extent of damage to school

Year	Damage	Total
2014	Limited to room of origin	4
	N/A	2
	Limited to item 1st ignited	2
2014 Total		8
2015	N/A	5
	Limited to room of origin	2
	Limited to floor of origin (not whole building)	1
	Limited to item 1st ignited	1
2015 Total		9
2016	N/A	4
	Limited to room of origin	3
	Extent of damage not recorded	3
	Buildings-Limited to room of origin	3
	Limited to floor of origin (not whole building)	2
	Limited to item 1st ignited	1
2016 Total		16
2017	Limited to item 1st ignited	4
	N/A	3
	Limited to room of origin	2
	Extent of damage not recorded	1



	Whole building	1
	Buildings-Limited to room of origin	1
	Buildings-Whole building	1
2017 Total		13
2018	Limited to floor of origin (not whole building)	4
	N/A	4
	Limited to item 1st ignited	2
2018 Total		10
2019	N/A	7
	Limited to room of origin	5
	Limited to item 1st ignited	3
	Roof space only	2
	Limited to floor of origin (not whole building)	1
2019 Total		18
Grand Total		74

d. Age of school

This information is not held.

e. Whether cladding was present

This information is not held.

f. How many of the schools at the time the fire broke out had received a low, medium or high fire risk assessment (or alternative classification if used)?

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5. How many school fire risk assessments have you carried out in the last five full years (2014-2019 or alternative period if not available)?

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6. Please provide a breakdown of the outcomes e.g. low, medium, high risk

Risk category	Number of audits
Very low risk	1
Low risk	41
Medium risk	49
High risk	2

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