

Freedom of Information Request FOI 22 49

Electric vehicle fires

Query and response:

I would like to submit a Freedom of Information request please. The findings will be used for an article around data on electric vehicle fires for my client CE Safety, a healthy and safety training specialist. I would be most grateful if you could provide the following information:

A) How many electric vehicle / lithium battery fires have been tackled since 2017? (Five years + 2022)

Please present the findings by year:

2022 (so far - Jan-June) 2021 2020 2019 2018 2017

Please see the attached excel spreadsheet with our findings (FOI 22 49 - Electric vehicle fires).

B) Please show the types of vehicles in the data. (EG, cars, bikes, scooters etc)

This information has been included within the attached spreadsheet, where it is recorded.

C) Has the service issued any advice, guidance or warnings around the subject of electric battery vehicle and fires?

Yes, we have issued a number of messages via social media and our website. For example, https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safety-at-home/causes-of-fires/e-bikes-and-e-scooters/, which was based on NFCC guidance.

D) Did any of the incidents result in significant damage or injury?

Yes, one of the incidents in 2021 resulted in an injury that appeared to be serious. One of the incidents in 2019 resulted in an injury that appeared to be slight.

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 06, July 2022

