



Freedom of Information Request FOI 23 151

Lithium ion fires in toys, toothbrushes, phones and laptops

Query:

We would like to investigate whether there has been an increase in fires caused by items that contain lithium-ion batteries, particularly items that children or young people have access to, such as toys, phones and laptops etc.

Therefore, under Freedom of Information Act and Environmental Information Regulations, I would like to request the following information:

-The number of household fires caused (or thought to be caused) by lithium-ion batteries in toys, toothbrushes, phones and laptops from 01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021

-The number of household fires caused (or thought to be caused) by lithium-ion batteries in toys, toothbrushes, phones and laptops from 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022

-The number of household fires caused (or thought to be caused) by lithium-ion batteries in toys, toothbrushes, phones and laptops from 01.01.2023 to 30.10.2023

-The number of fires in dustcarts and waste-processing centres fires caused (or thought to be caused) by lithium-ion batteries in toys, toothbrushes, phones and laptops from 01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021

-The number of fires in dustcarts and waste-processing centres fires caused (or thought to be caused) by lithium-ion batteries in toys, toothbrushes, phones and laptops from 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022

-The number of fires in dustcarts and waste-processing centres fires caused (or thought to be caused) by lithium-ion batteries in toys, toothbrushes, phones and laptops from 01.01.2023 to 30.10.2023

If possible, please can you detail what has caused the fire, or what is thought to have caused the fire so we can identify the source of the fire.

Response:

Our recording system does not have a specific category for recording lithium-ion batteries in toys, toothbrushes, phones and laptops, therefore we have used the search term lithium ion batteries. Please note apart from one entry we are unable to say if these batteries were found in toys, toothbrushes or laptops as this granular detail is not recorded.

Please see the table attached for the figures

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 22, November 2023