



Freedom of Information Request FOI 26 116

Vape fire risk

Query and Response:

According to a recent article published by The Guardian ("Fire and 'sheer volume': how Britain's 6m-vape problem is putting recycling under strain"), disposable vapes continue to pose fire risks in recycling centres across the UK despite a ban that came to effect last year. I have several inquiries related to this finding that I hope Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue would be able to answer:

1. *Does a similar situation exist at recycling centres in Dorset, including the Christchurch Recycling Centre?*
This information is not held – this question would need to be directed to the owner of the site.
2. *Has there been any case of a fire suspected to have been caused by disposable vape batteries at any of the recycling centres in Dorset, including Christchurch, in recent years?*
DWFRS has had one fire at a Dorset recycling centre in recent years, in March 2026, where the cause of the fire was considered to be a vape battery.
3. *What are the risks associated with disposable vapes at Christchurch Recycling Centre, and have all necessary precautions been taken to prevent any related incidents?*
This information is not held – this question would need to be directed to the owner of the site.
4. *Any other information or comment the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue would like to make in regards to the issue about fire hazards related to disposable vapes.*

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