



Freedom of Information Request FOI 26 131

Lithium Battery Fire Incidents attended by your service or involving waste collection vehicles

Query:

Information Requested:

I request the following recorded information relating to fire incidents attended by your service at or involving waste collection vehicles (including refuse collection vehicles, bin lorries, and household waste and recycling collection vehicles) or waste and recycling facilities, where the fire was caused by, or suspected to have been caused by, a lithium-ion battery or lithium battery:

1. The total number of such incidents attended by your service, broken down by calendar year.
2. The total operational hours spent by your service at such incidents (calculated from mobilisation to stand-down), broken down by calendar year.
3. The total number of injuries recorded at such incidents, broken down by calendar year and, where recorded, by injury severity (e.g. minor, serious, fatal).

Scope

Please provide data covering the period **1 January 2019 to the date this request is processed**, or the most recent full calendar years for which data is available.

Where possible, please provide data in a machine-readable format (such as .xlsx or .csv).

Response:

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) has used our mobilising system and searched the incident narrative log for Lithium between 01/01/2019 and 06/07/2026. We then cross matched this search with the property type to create the attached spreadsheet (FOI 26 131 - Lithium Battery Fire Incidents) with our response to your request. There were no injuries recorded at these incidents.

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 09, July 2026