



Freedom of Information Request FOI 20 17

Rescues from non-residential buildings, operational training and the RRO

Query and response:

1. How many individuals has your fire and rescue service had to rescue - due to fire, flooding or any other safety risk / threat - from a non-residential building in the past five years?

Calendar year	Individuals rescued from non-residential buildings
2019/18	1215
2018/17	1111
2017/16	854
2016/15	658
2015/14	549

Please note that the increase in number of individuals rescued may be accounted for by improved reporting processes or by the type of incidents that we are now attending. For example, collapsed behind closed doors incidents.

2. Have you had to adapt or introduce any specific operational training in order to improve the operational response to rescuing individuals from buildings due to the changing nature of risk today, e.g. handling newer threats like a terrorist attack in addition to "traditional" threats like fire and flood etc.?

Yes – we have a proactive approach to identifying risk and threats, including terrorism. We work with partners to ensure a multi-agency approach to such incidents. This approach includes detailed planning, exercising and review.

We are always looking to improve and adapt operational training to improve operational response, whilst ensuring that this is aligned to national guidance.

3. As an enforcing authority for the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 or RRO, how many commercial premises has your Fire and Rescue Service found to have failed to comply with BS 8300:2009 (Design of buildings and their approaches to meet the needs of disabled people), for example, lack of Personal Fire Evacuation Plans drawn up for disabled people in the building or non-compliant fire compartmentation in buildings used by disabled people?

Whilst the means of escape for all persons is considered during fire safety audits, data relating to [BS 8300:2009 \(Design of buildings and their approaches to meet the needs of disabled people\)](#) is not specifically captured and therefore, this information is not held.

4. How many disabled people has your fire and rescue service had to rescue from a non-residential building over the last five years?

We would not record whether or not a rescued individual has a disability, therefore this information is not held.

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