



Freedom of Information Request FOI 20 59

Incidents caused by white goods

Query:

I'm interested in finding out how many fires in UK homes have been caused by faulty white goods and what white goods have been the biggest cause of those house fires.

If possible could I have the following data:

1. Total number of house fires caused by faulty white goods (washing machines, tumble dryers, fridge freezers, fridges, cookers etc) in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (to end of July) and what % each figure is of total house fires in that year.

Also, if possible could this data be broken down by month? If this would take long then perhaps I could have:

2. Total number of house fires caused by faulty white goods (washing machines, tumble dryers, fridge freezers, fridges, cookers etc) in each month during 2020 (Jan to July)
3. Total number of house fires caused by faulty white goods (washing machines, tumble dryers, fridge freezers, fridges, cookers etc) in each month during 2019 (Jan to December)
4. Would it also be possible to have question 1/ data broken down by which particular faulty white goods caused the fires?

Response:

Please find attached a document called "FOI 20 59 Incidents caused by white goods", which provides the information that you have requested.

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 21, August 2020