



## Freedom of Information Request FOI 20 88

### Fires caused by Christmas tree lights

#### Query:

I would like to have the number of fires caused/started by lights on a Christmas tree in each of the past five years, so from 2015 to 2019.

Please provide me with figures broken down by year - i.e. separate statistics for 2015, 2016, and by local authority, in the area covered by your Fire Brigade.

In addition, where there has been a fire caused/started by lights on a Christmas tree, I would like information on the damage caused, the cost of damage and any injuries or fatalities as a result of the fire.

#### Response:

A search of our incident recording system has identified three incidents that fall within the scope of your request. They are summarised in the table below:

Year	Area	Size of fire	Damage in sq. metres
2016	Dorset	Limited to floor of origin	51 to 100
2017	Dorset	Limited to two floors (not whole building)	51 to 100
**2018	Wiltshire	Limited to room of origin	Up to 5

\*\* Fairy lights are recorded as the main source of ignition for this 2018 incident, however there is no record to confirm whether or not the fairy lights were on a Christmas tree

There were no recorded injuries or fatalities at any of these incidents.

Information regarding the cost of the damage is not held.

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 23, November 2020