



Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

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Our Ref:

Your Ref: N/A

Date: 04 March 2019

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Dear

Re: Request for information (our ref: FR145-152)

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 16 January 2019. Our response is provided below:

Q1 In 2010-11, how many fires in residential properties were started due to negligence in Northampton, which resulted in the fire and rescue service had to be called?

The table below includes figures for accidental and not known cause dwelling fires in the Northampton area.

Negligence is not a specific term that we use. However, a few causes have been selected where the cause of the fire *could* be thought of as being negligent; these have been highlighted in yellow.

Some of the cooking fires we attend *might* be due to negligence; these have been highlighted in green.

Although these are open to interpretation it gives an indication of potential negligence.

Row labels	2010-11	2017-18
Accumulation of flammable material	0	4
Bonfire going out of control	1	0
Careless handling - due to careless disposal	7	8
Careless handling - due to knocking over	2	1
Careless handling - due to sleep or unconsciousness	4	5
Combustible articles too close to heat source (or fire)	14	20
Cooking - chip pan/deep fat fryer	10	10
Cooking - other cooking	42	38
Fault in equipment or appliance	15	12
Faulty fuel supply - electricity	12	11
Faulty fuel supply - gas	1	0
Faulty leads to equipment or appliance	2	1
Negligent use of equipment or appliance (heat source)	8	6



Row labels	2010-11	2017-18
Not applicable	3	0
Other	15	2
Other intentional burning, going out of control	2	1
Overheating, unknown cause	4	0
Grand total	142	119

Q2 *In 2017-18, how many fires in residential properties were started due to negligence in Northampton, which resulted in the fire and rescue service had to be called?*

Please refer to explanation and table provided for Q1.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference FR145-152.

Yours sincerely

Service Information Team Leader

If you are unhappy with the response, you can ask the Service to review it. To do this, please email enquiries@northantsfire.gov.uk or alternatively write to the address below:

Service Information Manager
 Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service
 Moulton Logistics Centre
 Moulton Way
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Information Commissioner
 Wycliffe House
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