



31st July 2025

Request to Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service:

1. The total number of incidents attended by your service where sleep was recorded as a factor for each of the past five calendar years

Incidents could include, but are not limited to: Fires caused by unattended cooking due to falling asleep, fires started by cigarettes or candles left unattended while asleep, smoke inhalation injuries sustained while asleep, rescues involving people asleep or unconscious due to fatigue, carbon monoxide incidents affecting sleeping occupants, etc
2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and partial data for 2025 if available

2. If held, the causes and number of reports linked to each sleep-related incident

I.e. 150 reports of fires caused by unattended cooking due to falling asleep, 1,500 reports of fires started by cigarettes or candles left unattended while asleep, etc
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Response:

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue systems are designed primarily for the management of individual cases and not for the production of statistical information for Freedom Of Information responses.



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Please note, fire incidents can easily be identified, as there is a *Fire Other Human Factors* field in the Incident Recording System (IRS), for which one of the options is *Falling asleep/asleep*.

For the other types of incidents, false alarms and special services, we do not have a specific field that records human factors. Therefore, we have made a keyword search for 'sleep' in the free-text description fields. Data to 30th June 2025.

As with any keyword search, the search will only return exact matches. This does not account for differences in terminology and/or spelling used. Keyword searches are problematic and in no way provide accurate results or figures. If the selected key words have not been mentioned the data will not be returned.

Fires	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Cooking appliance	15	25	16	18	11	11
Electric lighting		1				
Electricity supply		1	1		1	
Fuel/Chemical related	1					
Heating equipment					1	1
Matches and candles		2	5		2	
Naked flame		1				
Other domestic style appliance		1	1	1		
Smoking related	4	1	1	5	2	2
Unknown source			1	3	5	

False Alarms	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
False alarm in a dwelling	1		2	2		2
False alarm in residential home				1		
False alarm sounding in dwelling					1	

Special Services	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Attending hazardous materials incident		1				
Assisting police with intoxicated person				1		
Gaining entry for ambulance service to dwelling			1	1		1
Gaining entry in a dwelling to a room		1				1
Gaining entry to dwelling			3	2	1	

Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. The figures provided therefore are our best interpretation of relevance of data to your request, but you should be aware that the collation of figures for ad hoc requests may have limitations and this should be taken into account when the data is used.

If you decide to write an article / use the enclosed data, we would ask you to take into consideration the factors highlighted in this document so as to not mislead members of the public or official bodies

APPEAL RIGHTS

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled or you do not think the decision is correct, you have the right to ask for a review of the decision.

Prior to lodging a formal appeal you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer. That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Appeal

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision that the Service have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information, you can lodge an appeal with the Northamptonshire Police to have the decision reviewed.

Appeals should be made in writing within 20 days of receipt of your reply and either emailed to freedomofinformation@northants.police.uk or addressed to:

**Freedom of Information Manager
Information Unit
Northamptonshire Police Headquarters
Wootton Hall
Northampton
NN4 0JQ**

Where possible the Service will aim to respond to your appeal within 20 working days. However, meeting this time scale will depend upon the circumstances and complexity of the issue.

The Information Commissioner

After lodging an appeal with the Service, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.org.uk Alternatively, telephone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Phone: 0303 123 1113



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