



30 June 2026

Request:

I would like to request the following information relating to accidental dwelling fires attended within your service area.

Please provide the data for each calendar year:

- 2023
- 2024
- 2025
- 2026 to date

1. The total number of accidental dwelling/residential fires.
2. The total number of accidental dwelling/residential fires where the source of ignition or cause was recorded as electrical.
3. For electrical accidental dwelling/residential fires, the top ten most common recorded sources of ignition or appliance types involved, together with the number of incidents associated with each category.

Response:

Data has been provided from 1 January 2023 – 30 June 2026.

1. Total number of accidental dwelling fires:

Year	Total
2023	323
2024	304
2025	360
2026	157

2. Total number of accidental dwelling fires where the source of ignition was recorded as electrical:

Year	Total
2023	184
2024	182
2025	198
2026	93

3. Top ten most common recorded sources of ignition:

Appliance type	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Cooker / oven	79	88	90	42	299
Apparatus – batteries, generators	11	5	5	5	26
Grill / toaster			15	5	20
Battery chargers	1	2	6	2	11
Deep fat fryer	2	4	2	1	9
Dishwasher	3	1	3		7
Fridge / freezer	2		3	2	7
Extractor fan	1	1	1	1	4
Central heating / hot water	1	2			3
Fluorescent lights	1	1		1	3

The numerical data presented in this response is an unaudited snapshot of unpublished data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

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

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 ask you to take into consideration the factors highlighted in this document so as to not mislead members of the public or official bodies or misrepresent the relevance of the whole or any part of this disclosed material.

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 Service 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

Darby House

Darby Close

Park Farm Industrial Estate

Wellingborough

NN8 6GS

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