



17 August 2026

Request and Response:

For each of the past five financial years (2021/22 to 2025/26, or the nearest equivalent reporting period), please provide:

1. The number of fire incidents attended involving buildings recorded as:

- derelict
- disused
- long-term vacant
- abandoned, or
- any equivalent category used by your service

Year	Total fires in derelict buildings
2021/22	23
2022/23	27
2023/24	25
2024/25	27
2025/26	44

The data provided is for the number of fire incidents attended involving buildings recorded as derelict.

However, the National Incident Recording System (NIRS) does not capture the other building status categories requested. Consequently, we are unable to provide information as to the number of fire incidents involving buildings recorded as:

- disused
- long-term vacant
- abandoned, or
- any equivalent category used by your service.

2. Of those incidents, please provide (where recorded):

a) The number that resulted in fatalities;

Year	Total that resulted in fatalities
2021/22	0
2022/23	0
2023/24	0
2024/25	0
2025/26	2

b) The number that resulted in non-fatal casualties;

Year	Total that resulted in non-fatal injuries
2021/22	0
2022/23	0
2023/24	0
2024/25	0
2025/26	2

c) The number that were recorded as deliberate fires (arson).

Year	Total incidents recorded as deliberate
2021/22	19
2022/23	25
2023/24	25
2024/25	24
2025/26	37

3. If your service records the primary property type for these incidents, please provide a breakdown between:

- Residential buildings
- Commercial/industrial buildings
- Other buildings

Year	Dwelling	Non-residential	Other residential
2021/22	6	17	
2022/23	5	21	1
2023/24	2	23	
2024/25	5	19	3
2025/26	8	34	2

Please note that the above categories are the categories recorded on the NIRS.

4. If your service does not use the terminology above, please provide the closest equivalent classification and explain how those incidents are recorded.

N/A

Caveats:

The numerical data presented in this response is an unaudited snapshot of unpublished data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.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