



## **Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service**

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### **RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

Please be advised of the following in relation to your request .

For the 2020-21 Financial Year please provide the following:

Question 1. Total number of accidental dwelling fires

*There were 760 accidental dwelling fires*

*All major fires that are not determined as being deliberate or accidental, are coded as accidental according to national guidance.*

Question 2. Number of dwelling fires where source of ignition was electricity

*Please see table below .*

Date

Name

Ignition Source	Cause		Total
	Accidental	Deliberate	
Bombs and Explosives	0	0	0
Chimney	0	0	0
Cooking Appliance	271	2	273
Electric Lighting	12	0	12
Electricity Supply	113	1	114
Fireworks	0	0	0
Fuel/Chemical Related	0	0	0
Heating Equipment	13	0	13
Industrial Equipment	0	0	0
Matches and Candles	0	0	0
Naked Flame	0	0	0
Natural Occurrence	0	0	0
Office Equipment	1	0	1
Other Appliance or Equipment	28	0	28
Other Domestic Style Appliance	0	0	0
Smoking Related	0	0	0
Spread from Secondary Fire	0	0	0
Vehicles Only	0	0	0
Wet Hay	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Not Known	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>441</b>

### Review Process

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to Stuart Crawford the Governance, Information & Business Support Services Manager ,1 Seymour Street, Lisburn, BT27 4SX within two calendar months of the date of this letter.

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Date

Name

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner contact details are – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor 14 Cromac Place Belfast BT7 2JB.

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Yours sincerely

**Information Unit**