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Please ask for:** Information Governance
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Our ref: IG000512

Dyddiad/Date: 06 October 2020

RE: Request for Information held by SWFRS

Your request ref: IG000512 has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked us:

**I'm interested to know how many house fires that have been reported in South Wales this year.
Also how many injuries, deaths, and what are the causes.
Would this be possible?**

Please see attached tables.

If you have any queries regarding your Freedom of Information request, please contact us at Dataprotection@southwales-fire.gov.uk quoting the reference number above in any future communication.

If you are dissatisfied with the way that your information request has been handled, you can request an internal review by emailing Dataprotection@southwales-fire.gov.uk

We would like to thank you for your patience at this time.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office-Wales,
2nd Floor,
Churchill House,
Churchill Way,
Cardiff,
CF10 2HH.



There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours Faithfully

Information Governance and Compliance

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UPDATE COVID-19: Information Requests

We are kindly asking that any data protection correspondence come to Information Governance & Compliance via email, as due to Government advice many of our support staff are working flexibly and we may not be in receipt of physical post as normal. SWFRS anticipates that it may take us longer than 20 working days to complete Freedom of Information Requests and Subject Access Requests. The Information Commissioner recognises that there might be delays as our services and resources may be being utilised in slightly different ways, under the current unprecedented circumstances. At current, we are no longer accepting physical postal cheques, however we can accept BACs payments for items that carry a fee (such as IRS Reports and Interviews, where appropriate following standard procedure and charges).

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh and English - we will respond equally to both and will reply in your language of choice without delay.

RAISING AWARENESS - REDUCING RISK

RESPONSE FOI IG000512

Dwelling fires between 1st January 2020 to 31st August 2020	
Cause	Total
Cooking - other cooking	94
Combustible articles too close to heat source (or fire)	55
Fault in equipment or appliance	54
Faulty fuel supplies - Electricity	48
Cooking - chip pan/deep fat fryer	45
Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately	42
Other	26
Careless handling - due to careless disposal	24
Negligent use of equipment or appliance (heat source)	19
Overheating, unknown cause	12
Careless handling - due to knocking over	10
Faulty leads to equipment or appliance	9
Careless handling - due to sleep or unconsciousness	5
Playing with fire (or heat source)	4
Other intentional burning, going out of control	3
Natural occurrence	3
Bonfire going out of control	3
Chimney fire	2
Accumulation of flammable material	2
N/A	1
Suicide/attempted: setting fire to self	1
Faulty fuel supplies - Gas	1
Faulty fuel supplies - Petrol product	1
Faulty fuel supplies – Electricity	1
Grand Total	465

Fatalities and injuries where victim has been taken to hospital between 1st January and 31st August 2020

Severity	Cause	Total
Fatality	Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately	2
	Combustible articles too close to heat source (or fire)	1
	Suicide/attempted: setting fire to self	1
	Cooking - other cooking	1
	Fault in equipment or appliance	1
Victim went to hospital, injuries appear to be Serious	Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately	1
Victim went to hospital, injuries appear to be Slight	Cooking - chip pan/deep fat fryer	5
	Combustible articles too close to heat source (or fire)	4
	Heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately	3
	Careless handling - due to careless disposal	3
	Faulty fuel supplies - Electricity	2
	Fault in equipment or appliance	2
	Cooking - other cooking	2
	Other	1
	Careless handling - due to sleep or unconsciousness	1
Grand Total		30