

## **Freedom of Information – Response – 27173**

*If your records don't categorise fires to this level of detail, we ask that you please use a search of relevant terms on the appropriate database.*

*1. We would like to know, for each full year from 2021 to 2025 inc and for 2026 so far, how many fires have you responded to which have involved the following?*

- vapes / e-cigarettes*
- mobile phones, tablets or laptops*
- e-scooters or e-bikes*
- any other items including a lithium ion battery*

*2. For each of these could you please also indicate whether the fires occurred:*

- in residential premises*
- in commercial premises*
- in public buildings (eg school, hospital, council building)*
- outdoors*
- other*

We can confirm that Suffolk County Council (SCC) holds this information; however, it is exempt from disclosure under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). 'Lithium-ion batteries' and 'E-Bike' are not valid options when recording causes of fire, therefore Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service is not able to provide an answer to this question without carrying out a manual trawl of incidents which would take in excess of 18 hours and therefore be exempt from disclosure under s.12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Whilst SCC are unable to provide you with all of the information requested please refer to previous FOI requests received that may provide you with some of the information you are seeking:

- 26607 - Battery and E-bike Fires
- 26842 - E-bike & scooter fires attended
- 26771 - Ebike and Escooter Fires

Copies of these response can be found on our website here: [Make a Freedom of Information \(FOI\) request - Suffolk County Council](#)

