



FOI Request:
Incidents involving E-Cigarettes
and Mobile Phones
01/01/2012 – 10/09/2017

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1 FOI Request

1.1 Nature of Request: How many incidents or fires have you been called out to in relation to electronic cigarettes (E-Cigarettes). These would include fires caused by the E-Cigarettes themselves or their chargers. Also how many incidents or fires have you been called out to in relation to mobile phones. These would include fires caused by the phones themselves, their batteries or their chargers. Within the cost limit, could you provide some detail of the incidents you were called out to? Can you please provide me with the information for the following calendar years, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date?

2 Response

The information below is for the number of incidents involving E-cigarettes and their chargers or mobile phones, their batteries and their charger and covers the period from 01/01/2012 to 10/09/2017 inclusive. There were no incidents involving E-Cigarettes recorded in 2012 or 2013.

2.1 Number of incidents involving E-Cigarettes and their chargers

	2014	2015	2016	2017 (up to 10/09/2017)	Total
False Alarm	1	5	11	10	27
Fire	2	1	2	1	6
Total	3	6	13	11	33

2.2 Further Information

Date	Incident Category	Information
14/03/2014	Fire	Fire caused by an E-Cigarette exploding whilst being recharged.
19/05/2014	Fire*	Exploding E-Cigarette, was being charged by a phone charger*
21/11/2014	False Alarm	FRS were informed that the alarm may have been caused by fumes from an E-Cigarette.
10/04/2015	False Alarm	Smoke alarm actuated by vapour from an E-Cigarette.
03/05/2015	False Alarm	Accidental activation of alarm caused by E-Cigarette.
16/06/2015	Fire	E-Cigarette ignited whilst on charge.
21/07/2015	False Alarm	Flat had strong smell of E-Cigarette vapour.
25/10/2015	False Alarm	Alarm activated accidentally by occupier's use of E-Cigarettes.
03/12/2015	False Alarm	Alarm activated by fumes from E-Cigarette.
31/01/2016	False Alarm	Alarm caused by E-Cigarette.
02/03/2016	False Alarm	Smoke detector actuated by vapour from E-Cigarette.
06/04/2016	False Alarm	Alarm believed caused by visitor using E-Cigarette.
26/04/2016	False Alarm	E-Cigarette used within lift caused the alarm to activate.
30/06/2016	False Alarm	Alarm caused by E-Cigarette.
04/07/2016	False Alarm	Alarm believed to have been caused by E-Cigarette charging.
05/07/2016	False Alarm	Actuation believed to have been caused by E-Cigarette smoke.

*The above incident involving an exploding E-Cigarette whilst being charged by a phone charger is only counted once in those incidents involving E-Cigarettes and their chargers and not included in incidents involving mobile phones, their batteries or their chargers.

Date	Incident Category	Information
15/09/2016	False Alarm	Alarm believed to have been caused by vapour from E-Cigarette.
17/09/2016	Fire	Fault with a 240 volt charging unit whilst charging an E-Cigarette.
20/09/2016	False Alarm	Smoke alarm actuated by vapour from an E-Cigarette used by a patient.
21/09/2016	False Alarm	Alarm activated by fumes from E-Cigarette.
02/10/2016	Fire	E-Cigarette plugged into photo copier ignited whilst on charge.
11/10/2016	False Alarm	Smoke alarm activated by vapour from E-Cigarette.
08/01/2017	False Alarm	Alarm activated by a member of the public using an E-Cigarette inside a school.
06/02/2017	False Alarm	Alarm caused by hotel guest smoking an E-Cigarette.
08/02/2017	False Alarm	Alarm activated by smoking E-Cigarette directly below smoke detector.
12/02/2017	False Alarm	E-Cigarette vapour cloud setting the alarm off.
03/03/2017	False Alarm	Alarm caused by E-Cigarette vapour.
17/03/2017	Fire	Battery of E-Cigarette appeared to have exploded due to overheating whilst in use.
30/04/2017	False Alarm	Detector activated by E Cigarette vapour.
20/05/2017	False Alarm	Alarm caused by persons smoking E-Cigarette in foyer of building
28/05/2017	False Alarm	Smoke detector accidentally operated whilst changing E-Cigarette cartridges.
18/06/2017	False Alarm	Alarm caused by smoking an E-Cigarette beneath a smoke detector.
27/06/2017	False Alarm	Alarm caused by E-Cigarette vapour.

2.3 Number of incidents involving mobile phones, their batteries or their chargers

Incident Category	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 (up to 10/09/2017)	Total
False Alarm	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Fire	1	1	1	1	2	1	7
Total	1	1	1	1	2	2	8

2.4 Further Information

Date	Incident Category	Information
15/11/2012	Fire	Mobile phone ignited whilst on charge destroying phone.
12/02/2013	Fire	Charging lead overheated causing severe damage to charging plug and mains socket.
10/05/2014	Fire	Mobile phone melted by heat during charging.
16/01/2015	Fire	Fire caused by short circuit to the mobile phone battery/internal fittings.
27/06/2016	Fire	Mobile phone charger ignited whilst plugged into electric socket.
29/12/2016	Fire	Fire caused by incompatible mobile phone charging plug and lead.
25/04/2017	Fire	Mobile phone charger destroyed by fire.
18/08/2017	False Alarm	Overheated phone charging lead causing a strong smell of burning.