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Request:

How many incidents or fires have you been called out to in relation to electronic - cigarettes?

These would include fires caused by the e-cigs themselves 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 and 2016 to date?

Response:

The table below shows the number of incidents within the Tyne and Wear area caused by electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes).

Incident Category	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 (up to 21/04/16)	Total
False Alarm	0	0	1	5	3	9
Fire	0	0	2	1	0	3
Total	0	0	3	6	3	12

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The table below shows further breakdown of the information above:

Year	Incident Category	Information
2014	Fire	Fire caused by an e-cigarette exploding while being recharged.
2014	Fire	Exploding e-cigarette was being charged by a phone charger.
2014	False Alarm	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service was informed that the alarm may have been caused by fumes from an e-cigarette.
2015	Fire	E-cigarette ignited whilst on charge.
2015	False Alarm	Smoke alarm actuated by vapour from an e-cigarette
2015	False Alarm	Accidental activation of alarm caused by e-cigarette.
2015	False Alarm	Flat had strong smell of e-cigarette vapour.
2015	False Alarm	Alarm activated accidentally by occupier's use of e-cigarette.
2015	False Alarm	Alarm activated by fumes from e-cigarette.
2016	False Alarm	Alarm caused by e-cigarette.
2016	False Alarm	Smoke detector actuated by vapour from e-cigarette.
2016	False Alarm	Alarm believed caused by visitor using e-cigarette.

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