



Refuse and Recycling Fires 01/01/2020 – 31/12/2022

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2. Request

We are interested in the number of fires in refuse vehicles and at waste and recycling centres. I appreciate you may not have a specific code for this, and if not, it would be great if you could use a free text search for any terms you might think would capture this (e.g. waste centre, recycling centre, rubbish truck, refuse vehicle).

It would be great to have the data split by waste facilities and refuse vehicles, and broken down by the years 2020, 2021 and 2022.

3. Response

An IRS incident record is completed by the Officer in Charge for every incident attended.

The following information is taken from Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) Incident Recording System (IRS) and is the number of primary fires attended by TWFRS where the fire involved either refuse or recycling in a building or vehicle.

Refuse vehicles are defined in our IRS Property Level 3 as Lorry/HGV. A free text search was then conducted in the comments section for the words Bin, Refuse, Waste or Recycling.

Waste or Recycling centres were also identified by free text searches for the property name and/or in the building property types.

4. Totals

Over the report time period TWFRS attended **16** fires in refuse vehicles and at waste and recycling centres.

Refuse and Recycling Fires				
	2020	2021	2022	Total
Waste/Recycling Centres	4	1	6	11
Refuse Vehicles	0	3	2	5