

# Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

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## Fires caused by e-bike and e-scooters between 01/01/2018 – 30/04/2023

Data, Intelligence and Safety

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## 2. Request

In each of the past five years, going back to January 1 2018, and into 2023 up to and including the date of receipt of this FOI request, where that data is held, please provide the number of instances where the fire service has been called out to attend a fire caused by e-scooters and e-bikes.

## Response

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.

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

The 'parameters' of TWFRS cover the five local authority areas of Newcastle, Sunderland, Gateshead, North and South Tyneside.

## 3. Totals

Over the time period there were 7 fire incidents where the fire cause was either an e-bike or an e-scooter. Please note two of the seven incidents was where the battery was detached and caught on fire while charging and also where the bike caught on fire at a testing centre in a store.

The table below shows the totals of years broken down by calendar year.

Primary fires caused by e-bikes or e-scooters						
Calendar Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	0	0	0	0	6	1