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**TITLE / CATEGORY:** Incident Statistics – Dishwasher Fires

### REQUEST

I had a dishwasher fire last week. Do you have any statistics you could share about which models and brands are most likely to be a fire hazard?

### RESPONSE

The information you have requested is part of our annual data returns to the Home Office Fire Prevention and Protection statistics.

The information for 2017/18 to 2021/22 is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it via the following link:

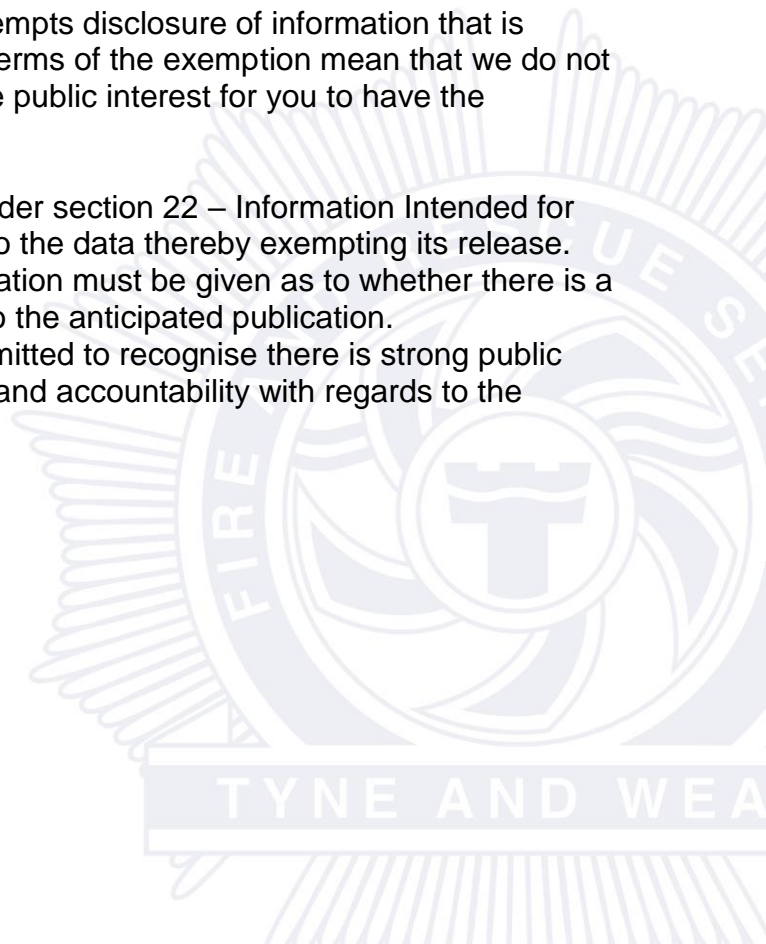
[Fire statistics incident level datasets - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/datasets/fire-statistics-incident-level-datasets)

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

The information for 2022/23 to date is exempt under section 22 – Information Intended for Future Publication exemption has been applied to the data thereby exempting its release. Section 22 is a qualified exemption and consideration must be given as to whether there is a public interest in providing the information prior to the anticipated publication. Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service is committed to recognise there is strong public interest to demonstrate openness, transparency and accountability with regards to the Freedom of Information legislation.

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### RESPONSE CONT.

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service is committed to publishing information however we do consider that it is in the public interest to adhere to the existing publication process for official statistics, which includes time for the data to be collated and properly verified before placed in the public domain. This ensures accurate information is available to all members of the public at the same time.

We have therefore reached the view that, on balance, the public interest is better served by withholding this information under Section 22 of the FOI Act at this time, however this data will be available publicly by the Home Office for all Fire and Rescue Services via this link Fire statistics data tables - [Fire statistics incident level datasets - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/datasets/fire-statistics-incident-level-datasets)

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