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**TITLE / CATEGORY:** INCIDENT STATISTICS – BLACONY FIRES

### **REQUEST**

Please supply me with data relating to fires on balconies on residential buildings in your area, as follows;

How many fires involving balconies occurred in total between 1st August 2022 and 31st July 2023?

In the same period, how many fires occurred where balconies were found to have contributed to the spread of the fire across the external walls?

Please provide data on the causes of any fires that started on balconies in the period (ie; barbecue, discarded cigarette, electrical appliance fault, etc) and please provide the number of occurrences for each cause.

If your incident recording system does not include "balcony" as a recorded location, could you please perform a search on free text fields in your database for the term, as I have found in the past that this often returns useable data.

### **RESPONSE**

Within the time period there was only 1 incident occurred on a balcony, due to careless smoking materials.

Due to limited information on the IRS (Incident Recording System) I'm unable to confirm if the fire contributed to the spread of the fire across the external walls.

Any printed documents are considered uncontrolled.

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