

# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

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**TITLE / CATEGORY:** Incident Statistics – Cannabis Factories Fires

## REQUEST

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information about fires at cannabis factories, and suspected cannabis factories, within your authority.

I am requesting the data for the following calendar years, 2019-2024 (until latest available date in 2024):

Q1: How many fires were recorded at suspected or confirmed cannabis factories in your authority, in each year?

Q2: If any, how many fatalities were recorded at each incident?

## RESPONSE

This covers the number of fire incidents within the Tyne and Wear region involving Cannabis factories from the 2019 to 2024 May 2024.

The following information is taken from the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) Incident Recording System (IRS). An IRS incident record is completed by the Officer in Charge for every incident attended.

As there is no Incident Recording System (IRS) categories for each incident type requested, these incidents have been identified and categorised using a manual search of section 10.4 with the terms “drug den/farm/factory” for each incident report

<b>Calendar year</b>	<b>Number of fire incidents</b>	<b>Number fire deaths</b>
2019	9	0
2020	10	0
2021	14	0
2022	13	0
2023	5	1
2024 (Jan to May)	3	0

Any printed documents are considered uncontrolled.