

Freedom of Information Request:

Over the report period (1st January 2023 to 31st December 2025), Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service attended 73 fires involving devices powered by lithium-ion batteries. Forty-five of these are recorded as accidental and 28 as deliberate.

Over the report period only one lithium battery fire is recorded as being in a waste recycling centre (in 2025).

Accidental Fires

Device	2023	2024	2025	Total
E-Bike	4	8	5	17
E-Scooter	1	2	5	8
Hybrid Car	1	1	5	7
Electric Van	0	0	2	2
Lithium Ion Battery	0	1	1	2
Vape	0	0	2	2
DIY Tool	0	1	0	1
Drill	1	0	0	1
Drone	0	0	1	1
Electric Car	0	1	0	1
Forklift	1	0	0	1
Mobile Phone	0	1	0	1
Scan Gun	0	1	0	1
Total	8	16	21	45

Deliberate Fires

Device	2023	2024	2025	Total
E-Scooter	3	7	3	13
Hybrid Car	1	3	5	9
Electric Car	1	2	0	3
Lithium Battery	0	1	1	2
Mobile Phone	0	1	0	1
Total	5	14	9	28

Combined Totals

Device	2023	2024	2025	Total
E-Scooter	4	9	8	21
E-Bike	4	8	5	17
Hybrid Car	2	4	10	16
Electric Car	1	3	0	4
Lithium Ion Battery	0	2	2	4
Electric Van	0	0	2	2
Mobile Phone	0	2	0	2
Vape	0	0	2	2
DIY Tool	0	1	0	1
Drill	1	0	0	1
Drone	0	0	1	1
Forklift	1	0	0	1
Scan Gun	0	1	0	1
Total	13	30	30	73

As a comparative the fire totals for the 3 years are :-

2023 – 6,458

2024 – 6,559

2025 – 7,934