

FOI:	503 02 26
Request Theme:	Incidents At Sites linked to Cannabis Cultivation
Reporting Period:	January 2015 – December 2025

Question	Response																								
<p>(1) For each calendar year from 2015 to the most recent complete year available, please provide the number of incidents attended by your service where the property or site was confirmed or suspected to be associated with cannabis cultivation.</p> <p>These incidents may involve, but are not limited to, fire, electrical faults, rescues, or other emergency sites where cannabis cultivation was identified or suspected.</p>	<table border="1" data-bbox="957 506 1665 901"> <thead> <tr> <th>Calendar Year</th> <th>Number of Incidents</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>2015</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>2016</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>2017</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>2018</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>2019</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>2020</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>2021</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>2022</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>2023</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>2024</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>2025</td><td>4</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Calendar Year	Number of Incidents	2015	7	2016	2	2017	5	2018	1	2019	4	2020	8	2021	3	2022	8	2023	7	2024	6	2025	4
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<p>(2) Please confirm whether your service holds any written policies, procedures, operational guidance, or risk assessment documentation relating to attending fires or other emergencies at sites used, or suspected to be used, for cannabis cultivation.</p>	<p>Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service has an operational procedural document for 'Incidents Involving Illicit Drug Laboratories Including Cannabis Factories and Labs'.</p> <p>As a Service we follow the control measures within National Operational Guidance and any associated supplementary information, including National Operational Learning and Joint Operational Learning. At incidents involving cannabis cultivation, crews can gain additional advice from one of the Service's Hazardous Materials Advisors.</p>																								