

FOI:	430 03 25
Request Theme:	BBQ Fires
Reporting Period:	01 January 2022 – 31 December 2024

The figures provided are from the Incident Recording System (IRS) which is a national data collection system administered by the Home Office. To identify the incident recordings, a search was conducted on property type, main cause, ignition source, false alarm type, and free text sections of the report.

For your request:

- The suggested BBQ incident category of
 - **Smoke only** was counted towards where no fire damage was recorded at the BBQ related incident, i.e. if there was a flame/fire it was limited to the BBQ.
 - **Outdoor fire caused by BBQ use** was counted towards for an unlimited amount of outdoor damage without affecting buildings.
 - **Fire resulting in structural or property damage linked to BBQ use** was counted towards if buildings were affected.
- **Incidents linked to the use of disposable BBQs** were counted towards when there was clear reference to the BBQ being a disposable BBQ in messages relayed to Fire Control in the incident log.
- **Incidents where BBQs were used in inappropriate or unsafe locations** – we are unable to report on this part of your request as we can't quantify this consistently (i.e. what's inappropriate/unsafe vs appropriate/safe but unfortunately resulted in a fire incident).

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<p>The total number of fire service callouts related specifically to BBQs for each of the calendar years: 2022 2023 2024</p> <p>(1) For each year, please categorise the BBQ-related incidents where possible into the following types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Smoke only (no fire present)- Minor outdoor fire caused by BBQ use- Fire resulting in structural or property damage linked to BBQ use- False alarm triggered by BBQ smoke	<table><tr><th>BBQ Incidents by Calendar Year and Incident Type</th><th>2022</th><th>2023</th><th>2024</th></tr><tr><td>Smoke only</td><td>1</td><td>4</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Outdoor fire</td><td>17</td><td>11</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>Building Fires</td><td>3</td><td>3</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>False Alarms</td><td>17</td><td>9</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>38</td><td>27</td><td>18</td></tr></table>	BBQ Incidents by Calendar Year and Incident Type	2022	2023	2024	Smoke only	1	4	3	Outdoor fire	17	11	4	Building Fires	3	3	1	False Alarms	17	9	10	Total	38	27	18
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<p>(4) How many incidents were recorded where BBQs were used in inappropriate or unsafe locations (e.g. balconies, woodland, near flammable materials)?</p>	<p>We didn't find any reference to balconies. There were two incidents where the property type recorded was Woodland/Forest – one in 2022 and one in 2023.</p>																								

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(5) How many repeat callouts (i.e. two or more incidents at the same location) for BBQ-related issues were recorded during this period?	<table><tr><th>BBQ Incidents by Calendar Year</th><th>2022</th><th>2023</th><th>2024</th></tr><tr><td>Repeat Locations</td><td>0</td><td>1 (i.e. 2 incidents)</td><td>0</td></tr></table>	BBQ Incidents by Calendar Year	2022	2023	2024	Repeat Locations	0	1 (i.e. 2 incidents)	0
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(6) Please include any information captured in the free text sections of incident reports where relevant search terms such as "BBQ", "barbecue", "disposable BBQ", or "disposable barbecue" have been identified.	<p>2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bin fire caused by disposable BBQ.• Garden hedge and garden waste alight caused by BBQ. <p>2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BBQ carried onto roof and lit to cook food by youths.• BBQ left on decking. <p>2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Person attempting to have BBQ in car park.• Small fire in rear garden contained to BBQ but causing distress to neighbours from smoke.								