

FOI:	242 08 25
Request Theme:	Balcony Fires
Reporting Period:	01 August 2022 to 31 July 2025

In order to collate the data for balcony fires the following methodology was used:

- The date range used for the search was 01 August 2022 to 31 July 2025.
- The search parameters were restricted to fires that occurred in residential buildings.
- A search of the narrative log and summary free text field for the term “balcony” was conducted to ensure any mention of balcony or balconies would be identified.
- A search of data regarding property type, fire start location, items responsible for fire spreading, details of rapid growth and any special construction details was conducted. The returned data was checked for any mention of balconies.

Serial	Question	Response
1	Please can you supply a count of any Balcony fire related deaths for time periods 1st August 2022 to 31st July 2023 1st August 2023 to 31st July 2024 1st August 2024 to 31st July 2025	There have been no balcony fire related deaths during this time period.
2	How many fires involving balconies occurred in total between 1st August 2024 and 31st July 2025?	Two balcony fires were identified. 1. 17 June 2025 2. 12 August 2024
3	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?	None were identified.
4	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 the number of occurrences for each cause.	1. 17 June 2025: A wardrobe located on a balcony caught fire. There was a possibility that this started due to natural occurrence – the sun refracting off a glass dining table, also located on the balcony. 2. 12 August 2024: Wooden plant pot located on a balcony caught fire. It is not known how the plant pot ignited.