

FOI:	295 09 25
Request Theme:	Fires at Buildings Under Construction
Reporting Period:	01 April 2023 to 31 March 2025

In order to collate the data for the number of fires at buildings under construction, the following methodology was used:

- The date range used for the search was 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2025.
- Only fire incidents at buildings were searched.
- Buildings classified as “Under construction” were searched where appropriate.
- Over the border incidents were not filtered out in the search parameters.
- The main cause of fire question and narrative logs were searched for the following keywords:
 1. Welding
 2. Soldering
 3. Cutting
 4. Grinding

Serial	Question	Response						
1	The number of fires in buildings under construction in financial years 2023/2024 and 2024/25	<table><tr><th>Financial Year</th><th>Number of Incidents</th></tr><tr><td>2023 to 2024</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>2024 to 2025</td><td>5</td></tr></table>	Financial Year	Number of Incidents	2023 to 2024	5	2024 to 2025	5
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2023 to 2024	5							
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2	The number of fires caused by hot works in buildings under construction in financial years 2023/2024 and 2024/25	One incident in 2024 to 2025.						
3	The main causes of hot works incidents in buildings under construction in financial years 2023/2024 and 2024/25	Main cause stated as sparks from cutting.						
4	The number of injuries and fatalities caused by hot work incidents in the construction industry in financial years 2023/2024 and 2024/25	Zero. Note: This data has come from a Fire and Rescue Service, not the Construction Industry. Only incidents attended by the Fire and Rescue Service can be searched, therefore this will not be a complete data set for injuries caused by hot works in the Construction Industry.						
5	In total, how many fires were related to hot works including and excluding buildings under construction in financial years 2023/2024 and 2024/25	One incident in 2024 to 2025 (Under construction) One incident in 2023 to 2024 (excluding under construction)						