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Information Request – Fire stats

We refer to your official information request dated 17 July 2023 asking for data we hold on fires that Fire and Emergency New Zealand attend annually. Thank you for clarifying on 18 July that you would like data about fires from 2021 and 2022, data on fires that have occurred at rental properties, whether they resulted in loss of life, and of those that were house fires, whether there were working smoke alarms.

In accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), we enclose a document detailing:

- The number of fires in 2021 and 2022, broken down by region
- The number of residential structure fires in 2021 and 2022, broken down by whether property was recorded as rented
- The number of injuries and fatalities recorded as occurring at residential structure fires in 2021 and 2022
- The number of injuries and fatalities recorded as occurring at residential structure fires in 2021 and 2022, where the property was recorded as rented
- The number of residential structure fires, broken down by whether they had smoke alarms

Please note Fire and Emergency only records fatalities when a deceased person is observed at the time of our attendance. The recording of any fatalities after our attendance, such as when a person dies later in hospital, does not always occur. Further, as we do not record the cause of death, we cannot say for sure whether the fire was the cause.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa nā



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