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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 29 August 2024, to Fire and Emergency New Zealand requesting the following information:

- *Fire safety information (including maraes)...Can you please tell me what the percentage of house fires is caused by? Example:*
 - *What percentage of a house fire is caused by smoking?*
 - *What percentage of a house fire is caused in the kitchen?*
 - *What percentage of a house fire is caused by electrical fault?*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

We have interpreted your request to be relating to the Christchurch City Territory Local Authority area. In the absence of a timeframe, we have provided you data for the last 5 years.

Over the last five years, within the Christchurch City Territory Local Authority (TLA) area, there were 1,366 residential structure fires. There were no recorded structure fires at the 8 Marae locations identified within the boundary of Christchurch City TLA in that time.

House Fire Causes (incl. Maraes) between 1 July 2019 – 1 July 2024 in Christchurch City TLA	
Percentage of house fires caused by smoking	0.1%
Percentage of house fires caused in the kitchen	24% (unattended cooking)
Percentage of house fires caused by electrical faults	20% (mechanical or electrical faults)

We trust that the information being provided is of assistance. If you require further information, please email officialinformationrequests@fireandemergency.nz

Please note that because of the identified public interest in the information that you have requested, we intend to publish this response (with your personal details removed) on our website.

Nāku noa, nā



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