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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 26 September 2024, to Fire and Emergency New Zealand requesting the following information:

- I am looking for information on how many house fires have been caused by candles in New Zealand in the last 5 years from 26/09/2019 - 26/09/2024. Please include the number of injuries and/or fatalities which have resulted from those fires.*

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

Please find attached, as an **Appendix** to this response, data showing the number of house fires caused by candles in the last five years. The data has been broken down by year and region.

The data includes incidents where “candle” is recorded as a heat source. However, due to our incident categorisation, the data may include some incidents that involved matches and/or cigarettes.

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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