

FOI 3657

24th March 2026

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

For period 1 January 2023 – 31 December 2025

Total number of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

Response:

402

Number attributed to kitchen appliances

Response:

38

Number attributed to toasters specifically

Response:

19

Number of evacuations triggered by kitchen-related alarms

Response:

25

Estimated cost of fire service call-outs related to kitchen appliance incidents

Response:

25 NIFRS turnouts – Southern Trust is not charged. NIFRS may hold costs.

You can contact them at:

Write to- The Information Unit, Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service Headquarters, 1 Seymour Street, Lisburn, BT27 4SX

E-mail- informationunit@nifrs.org

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Any internal risk assessments referencing kitchen appliance-related fire signals

Response:

Specific risk assessments relating to kitchen appliances would fall under Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations (Northern Ireland) and The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (Northern Ireland). The Health and Safety department does not centrally retain these assessments. All managers are required to undertake a general Health and Safety risk assessment. Guidance is issued to all managers in identifying significant hazards, evaluating the effectiveness of existing controls and implementing additional measures where necessary. The Health and Safety Department provides support upon request.

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