| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0707  Responded to: 18 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## - How many fires have Police Scotland responded to in Aberdeen City since 1 January 2025? Of these, how many have been treated as wilful or deliberate?

## - How many fires have Police Scotland responded to in Aberdeenshire since 1 January 2025? Of these, how many have been treated as wilful or deliberate?

## - Are there particular trends in causes of fires emerging such as a spike in wilful or deliberate fires? Is the number of fires being responded to higher than the average in previous years?

## - How many fires did Police Scotland respond to in Aberdeen City in in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024? Of these, how many were treated as wilful or deliberate?

## - How many fires did Police Scotland respond to in Aberdeenshire in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024? Of these, how many were treated as wilful or deliberate?

In response to your request, the tables at Appendix A below provides details of recorded Fireraising related incidents and also recorded and detected Fireraising Crimes for Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire for the period 1st January 2021 - 31st March 2025\* (Calendar Years)

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.

## Appendix A

Recorded Fireraising Crimes, Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire, North East Division

1st January 2021 - 31st March 2025\* (Calendar Years)

| Local Authority | Crime/Offence | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Aberdeen City | Fireraising (excluding Muirburn) | 117 | 126 | 111 | 85 | 41 |
|  | Fire-raising (Muirburn) | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Aberdeenshire | Fireraising (excluding Muirburn) | 74 | 55 | 40 | 69 | 17 |
|  | Fire-raising (Muirburn) | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Total |  | 191 | 185 | 155 | 154 | 59 |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 15th April 2025.

The data was extracted using the crime's raised date and by using SGJD codes 403201 - Fireraising excluding muirburn & 403203 - Firerasising muirburn

Detected Fireraising Crimes, Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire, North East Division

1st January 2021 - 31st March 2025\* (Calendar Years)

| Local Authority | Crime/Offence | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Aberdeen City | Fireraising (excluding Muirburn) | 36 | 33 | 27 | 26 | 7 |
|  | Fire-raising (Muirburn) | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Aberdeenshire | Fireraising (excluding Muirburn) | 24 | 28 | 10 | 32 | 7 |
|  | Fire-raising (Muirburn) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total |  | 60 | 61 | 38 | 58 | 14 |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 15th April 2025.

The data was extracted using the crime's raised date and by using SGJD codes 403201 - Fireraising excluding muirburn & 403203 - Firerasising muirburn

Recorded Fireraising Related Storm Incidents (Disposal Code), Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire, North East Division

1st January 2021 - 31st March 2025\* (Calendar Years)

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| Local Authority | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
| Aberdeen City | 96 | 104 | 80 | 81 | 33 |
| Aberdeenshire | 46 | 44 | 33 | 50 | 17 |
| Total | 142 | 148 | 113 | 131 | 50 |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 15th April 2025.

The data was extracted using the incident's raised date and by selecting the code 'CR11' (Fireraising) from anyone of the disposal codes.

Out of Force and error incidents have been excluded.