



**Hampshire
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Enquiries to: Information Compliance Officer

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Dear [REDACTED]

We are writing in respect of your application for the release of information held by the Service, which we received on 20 October 2022. We can confirm that we have now completed our search for the information requested.

You asked:

1. Name of your Fire Brigade in full

Our answer:

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service

You asked:

2. Email Address this FOI went to (to avoid any email reminders being sent)

Our answer:

DP@hantsfire.gov.uk

You asked:

3. Does your fire brigade have a standard method of dealing with overheating Commercial & Industrial lithium-ion based batteries?

Our answer:

YES - For incidents involving over-heating lithium-ion batteries whether commercial or industrial, we have Hazardous Materials Advisors who can provide specific advice around what to do, as well as training for all FDS officers.

You asked:

4. Does your fire brigade have a standard method of dealing with leaking Commercial & Industrial lithium-ion based batteries?

Our answer:

YES - For leaks involving lithium-ion batteries wherever they are we have Hazardous Materials Advisors who can provide specific advice around what to do, as well as training for all FDS officers

You asked:

5. Does your fire brigade have a standard method of dealing with fires involving Commercial & Industrial lithium-ion based batteries?

Our answer:

YES - For fires involving lithium-ion batteries wherever they are we have Hazardous Materials Advisors who can provide specific advice around what to do, as well as training for all FDS officers

You asked:

6. If yes to any of the above, please could you expand on your standard process/methodology below, including any links/URL's/documentation (please send as attachments)

Our answer:

In summary our training is built around mitigating the leak or over-heat or extinguishing the fire. Isolating any electrics where necessary, providing medical treatment for anyone affected as they may have inhaled Hydrogen Fluoride and where we can remove it.

Please see the National Fire Chief's Council website which contains training material relating to Lithium Ion Batteries, [Lithium Ion Batteries - Apr 2022 \(nfcc-preview.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com\)](https://nfcc-preview.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com). Please also find attached the Services internal training material on Alternatively Powered Vehicles (which includes vehicles utilising Lithium-Ion Batteries) and our Operational Prompt for Batteries and Energy Storage Systems which is the guidance provided to all staff for use at incidents. Please note that we have redacted the personal data from these documents as it could unfairly identify individuals, per Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Any future correspondence with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service in relation to this matter should be sent to the Information Compliance Officer at the above address.

If for whatever reason you are unhappy with our response you may request an internal review by contacting DP@hantsfire.gov.uk or by writing to the Information Compliance Team at the above address.

Should you remain dissatisfied you can appeal against the internal review decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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