

# Serious fires in sleeping risk premises

**January – December 2006**

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The Fire Protection Association reports on the incidence of serious fires in sleeping risk premises (those involving fatalities or causing losses of £100,000-plus) in 2006

## Place of origin and time of serious fires in sleeping risk premises

**January – December 2006**

Place of origin	Day (06:00-17:59)		Night (18:00-05:59)		Total	
	No. of fires	Estimated loss £	No. of fires	Estimated loss £	No. of fires	Estimated loss £
Residential room	11	2 290 500	18	4 821 250	31*	7 137 750
Bedroom/bedsitting room	-	-	1	25 000	2*	55 000
Living/dining room	-	-	2	160 000	2	160 000
Office area	1	150 000	1	6 500	2	156 500
Store/stockroom	1	11 800 000	-	-	1	11 800 000
External structure	1	215 000	-	-	1	215 000
Access area	-	-	1	185 000	1	185 000
Other known	2	1 938 500	-	-	2	1 938 500
Unknown	5	2 176 000	3	1 202 500	9*	3 478 500
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18 570 000</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6 400 250</b>	<b>51*</b>	<b>25 126 250</b>

\* These figures include details of fires that occurred at an unknown time

## Comparison of serious fires in sleeping risk premises with all serious fires

**2002 – 2006**

Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
No. of serious fires in sleeping risk premises	82	59	35	35	51
Total losses due to serious fires in sleeping risk premises £	11 355 025	18 379 713	10 274 619	5 823 698	25 126 250
Total no. of all serious fires	350	312	344	383	291
Total losses for all serious fires £	202 223 775	176 640 359	243 992 695	412 467 568	169 062 762
No. of serious fires in sleeping risk premises as a % of all serious fires	23.4	18.9	10.2	9.1	17.5
Losses due to serious fires in sleeping risk premises as a % of losses for all serious fires	5.6	10.4	4.28	1.4	14.9

*These figures were reviewed in December 2007 and the annual totals updated. This may result in slight differences from previously published figures*

## Cause of serious fires in sleeping risk premises January – December 2006

Cause	No. of fires	Estimated loss £
Deliberate	14	4 893 500
Smoking materials	8	386 500
Cooking	5	1 594 500
Electrical	4	2 538 500
Candles	2	313 250
Chimney	2	284 000
Blow lamp/paint remover	1	1 030 000
Other known	2	288 500
Under investigation	2	11 825 000
Unknown	11	1 972 500
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>25 126 250</b>



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The deliberate fire at this hotel caused insurance losses of £1.9m

## Serious fires in sleeping risk premises causing losses of £250,000-plus or causing three or more fatalities

### January – December 2006

Number of records for which reports were received: 15

Total estimated loss in these fires: £21.4m

Date	Occupancy/location	Estimated loss £
<b>February</b>		
9	Dwelling, <i>Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire</i>	282 500
<b>March</b>		
2	Dwelling, <i>Derby</i>	11 800 000
<b>May</b>		
5	Dwelling, <i>St Ives, Cornwall</i>	400 000
8	Hotel, <i>Streatley, Berkshire</i>	1 816 000
<b>July</b>		
15	Hotel, <i>Harrogate, North Yorkshire</i>	550 000
16	Dwelling, <i>Watford, Hertfordshire</i>	485 000
27	Dwelling, <i>Burnley, Lancashire</i>	450 000

Date	Occupancy/location	Estimated loss £
<b>August</b>		
6	House of multiple occupancy, <i>Stockport, Cheshire</i>	800 000
24	Hotel, <i>Northampton</i>	1 900 000
<b>September</b>		
5	Dwelling, <i>Lewes, East Sussex</i>	1 030 000
8	Dwelling, <i>Bursledon, Hampshire</i>	552 500
30	Dwelling, <i>Woodcote, Berkshire</i>	265 000
<b>November</b>		
2	Dwelling, <i>Kilsyth, Glasgow</i>	400 000
<b>December</b>		
10	Dwelling, <i>Carlisle, Cumbria</i>	325 000
25	Dwelling, <i>Haverfordwest, Mid and West Wales</i>	400 000