

# Serious fires in the food industry

January – December 2006

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

## Place of origin and time of serious fires in food industry 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 £
Places where people assemble	1	146 000	7	2 097 500	8	2 243 500
Residential room	3	505 650	1	295 000	4	800 650
Storage area	1	500 000	1	333 000	2	833 000
Bar	1	257 000	1	113 000	2	370 000
External structure	-	-	2	255 000	2	255 000
Ducts and flues	-	-	1	450 000	1	450 000
Farm building	1	140 000	-	-	1	140 000
Unknown	3	760 000	9	2 114 000	12	2 864 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2 298 650</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5 657 500</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7 956 150</b>

## Comparison of serious fires in food industry premises with all serious fires

2002 – 2006

Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
No. of serious fires in food industry	28	31	23	39	32
Total losses due to serious fires in food industry £	140 438 853	7 665 009	21 572 800	110 564 059	7 956 150
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 food industry as a % of all serious fires	8	9.9	6.7	10.2	10.8
Losses due to serious fires in food industry as a % of losses for all serious fires	7.2	4.3	8.8	26.8	4.7

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

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

### January – December 2006

Number of records for which reports were received: 12  
Total estimated loss in these fires: £4.9m

Date	Occupancy/location	Estimated loss £
<b>January</b>		
3	Pub/bar, <i>New Barnet, Hertfordshire</i>	400 000
9	Pub/bar, <i>Broadway West, Cleveland</i>	257 000
20	Restaurant/cafe, <i>Birmingham, West Midlands</i>	500 000
24	Pub/bar, <i>Woburn, Bedfordshire</i>	450 000
<b>February</b>		
21	Pub/bar, <i>Eyemouth, Lothian and Borders</i>	333 000
<b>April</b>		
14	Pub/bar, <i>Menston, West Yorkshire</i>	295 000
<b>May</b>		
18	Restaurant/cafe, <i>Hull, Humberside</i>	885 000
27	Pub/bar, <i>Southampton, Hampshire</i>	250 000
<b>June</b>		
19	Restaurant/cafe, <i>Eastbourne, East Sussex</i>	310 000
<b>October</b>		
5	Restaurant/cafe, <i>Tarporley, Cheshire</i>	420 000
<b>November</b>		
7	Restaurant/cafe, <i>Blackpool, Lancashire</i>	290 000
<b>December</b>		
17	Pub/bar, <i>Beeston, Nottingham</i>	550 000

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Investigators believe that the fire that spread through this sports pavilion was started deliberately

## Cause of serious fires in food industry premises

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Cause	No. of fires	Estimated loss £
Deliberate	9	2 265 000
Electrical	4	1 098 500
Domestic appliance	3	745 000
Cooking	2	240 000
Smoking	2	216 000
Liquids	1	885 000
Extractor	1	165 650
Other known	3	396 000
Under investigation	1	450 000
Unknown	6	1 495 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7 956 150</b>

