

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 2006 – AUGUST 2007

Twelve month analysis of
£250,000-plus fires in the UK

Number of fires for which reports were received: 123
Total estimated loss in these fires: £124,432,450



Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service

This deliberately set school fire resulted in losses of £125,000

AUGUST 2007

Total estimated fire damage reported by insurers caused
by the following fires costing £250,000-plus: £9.5m

3	Supermarket, <i>Sparkhill, West Midlands</i>	292 165
7	Retailer, <i>Sunderland, Tyne and Wear</i>	1 717 000
8	Agricultural building, <i>Hurst, Berkshire</i>	250 000
10	Doctor's surgery, <i>Thornhill, South Wales</i>	1 085 600
13	Fast-food outlet, <i>Aston, West Midlands</i>	1 300 000
18	Hotel, <i>Newquay, Cornwall</i>	2 726 805
18	Flat/maisonette, <i>London</i>	465 000
21	Flat/maisonette, <i>Luton, Bedfordshire</i>	900 000
30	Food processing manufacturer, <i>Aberdeen, Grampian</i>	805 000

Where the £250,000-plus fires occurred	No. of fires	Estimated loss £
Dwelling	23	12 382 000
Factory	20	37 780 500
Retail	20	11 952 951
Warehouse	14	10 780 475
Education	8	16 917 000
Food and drink industry	7	5 696 178
Local/national government	6	4 811 000
Motor trade	4	1 687 000
Waste and recycling	3	1 610 000
Office	2	5 800 000
Chemical industry	2	5 270 000
Place of worship	2	611 941
Engineering	2	580 000
Hotel	1	2 726 805
Healthcare	1	1 085 600
Care home	1	1 000 000
Other known	5	2 391 000
Unknown	2	1 350 000
Total	123	124 432 450

How the £250,000-plus fires started	No. of fires	Estimated loss £
Deliberate	37	31 142 128
Electrical	22	22 286 000
Smoking materials	8	2 142 500
Kiln, furnace, oven	4	10 905 000
Cooking	3	11 315 000
Blow lamp	3	1 862 000
Engine, fuel line or pump	3	1 516 000
Industrial equipment	2	612 000
Welding	1	2 300 000
Natural occurrence	1	2 200 000
Liquids	1	2 035 000
Chimney	1	1 717 000
Other known	7	3 633 165
Unknown	30	30 766 657
Total	123	124 432 450