

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the information detailed below relating to fires that have occurred in licensed hackney carriages and private hire vehicles, for each of the years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012:

- 1. how many fires have occurred in the following types of licensed vehicles (if the answer is nil then please provide a nil response):**
 - a) Hackney carriages**
 - b) Private hire vehicles**

ANSWER

The Council does not record this information therefore this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

- 2. does your licensing authority require fire extinguishers to be carried in licensed vehicles, if so, please provide the details of the type and size of fire extinguisher that is required (an extract of the licence condition will be satisfactory).**

Yes. A 1kg dry powder extinguisher

- 3. in the last four years has your licensing authority consulted with or requested information either formally or informally from any fire authority as to whether or not fire extinguishers should be provided in licensed vehicles, if so, please provide copies of all documents, emails and letters and other correspondence relating to this issue.**

No.

- 4. If your local authority has amended its policy relating to fire extinguishers in licensed vehicles in the last four years please provide a copy of the report/s (or if the document/s are published on the council website a link to the committee / decision report/s will suffice).**

The Council has not amended this policy in the last four years.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

Information Governance Manager
Information and Support
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG

e-mail: info.requests@leicester.gov.uk

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700

www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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