

# PASSENGER EV LIB FIRE INCIDENTS

Global, as of 30th APRIL 2023

EV HV battery fires are very rare...here's what we've been able to track & verify. Data is not exhaustive.

# Why EV FireSafe?

Transport emissions account for:

25%

of global greenhouse gas emissions, which has led to the rapid electrification of vehicles

EV battery fire incidents have led to concerns about emergency responder safety when attending

# EV lithium ion battery fires

To enhance emergency responder safety, we researched plug-in (BEV & PHEV) passenger electric vehicle battery fires from

2010 - 2023

breaking down our findings here & at evfiresafe.com

# How many EV battery fires?

Since 2010, the EV FireSafe research team found:

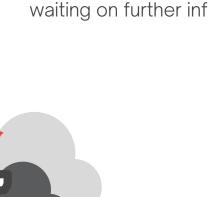
375

verified\* EV traction battery fires globally +62

investigating - online rumour, tip off, clickbait

+ 25

unverified - from a reliable source,



waiting on further info

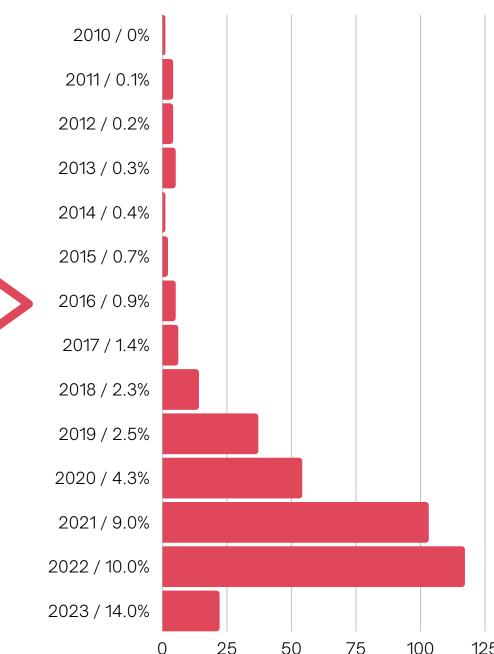


"...more than 10 million electric cars were sold worldwide in 2022 and...sales are expected to grow by another 35% this year (2023) to reach 14 million.

International Energy Agency, April 2023

# When did they occur?

By year & EV global market share:



\*Not exhaustive. From more than one online source, interviews, first hand accounts, videos, images, academic & fire agency reports & online training

EV HV battery fires are very rare, but present new risks & challenges for emergency responders. From these verified incidents, we found:

#### Cause

Battery cell abuse, leading to thermal runaway & ignition or explosion, caused by:



Overheating-

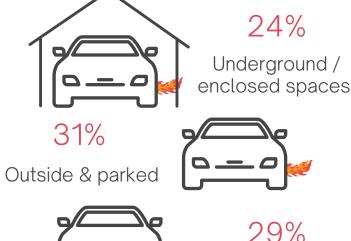
Unknown

Collision / debris

OEM battery fault Submersion

### Location\*

\*16% unknown



29% Outside & driving

## Ignition vs explosion



95%

Ignition Jet like, directional flames



5%

Vapour cloud explosion Violent deflagration

# Vapour cloud explosion

Of total vapour cloud explosion incidents:

72% Underground / enclosed space



Of total EV battery fire incidents:





Submersion



Extrication of



Stranded energy



But electrocution is still a risk!

Electrocution

We found NO reports or evidence of electrocution or near miss of emergency responders from:



18%

EV connected to energised charging







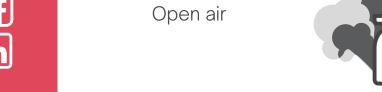


5% EV disconnected

from energised charging within 10 minutes of incident







28%