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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Since 2013, how many Police Stations in Scotland have been closed permanently or temporarily due to health and safety concerns? Please could you divide this by year and note if it was a permanent closure or a temporary closure?

I can advise that Forfar Police Station, which closed 11 September 2024, is the only Police Station that has been permanently closed due to compliance concerns relating to health and safety since 2013.

Temporary station closures are listed below.

* Lochboisdale – due to water ingress through roof in 2022.
* Lochmaddy – due to heating system issues which were addressed in November 2022. The building is now part of disposal strategy.
* Top floor of Alness Police Station – due to the top floor window being in poor condition in September 2023.
* Maryhill Police Station - in October 22 due to Legionella in the water supply.

In addition, there have been partial closures of stations to facilitate the removal of asbestos or to carry out replacement of water tanks. These partial closures were carried out in full consultation with Policing to ensure the safety of all staff. There are no records retained for these works on a year by year basis as they are carried out as when identified or required.

There are many factors that may lead to a building closure, and while health and safety related repairs may be part of that. Other factors like location, size, operational Police requirements may also be factors.

The actual reason for closure may not be down to Health and Safety but a collection of factors.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

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This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.