| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0185  Responded to: 23 January 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**With tradespeople across the UK affected by tool theft I am looking to find:**

1. **The number of tool marking events that your police force has supported in the following calendar years: 2024 and 2023?**

Police Scotland have not supported any tool marking events between 2023 – 2024.

**2.**

**(a) How many suspected stolen tools has your police force seized and/or catalogued in the following calendar years: 2024 and 2023?**

**(b) How many of these tools has your police force manage to reunite with their owners in the following calendar years: 2024 and 2023**

**3. How many arrests has your police force made for offences relating tool theft in the following calendar years: 2024 and 2023?**

**NB:**

**The reference to "tools" above relates to those commonly used by tradespeople. This includes, but is not limited to, drills and impact drivers, saws, angle grinders, multi-tools, nail guns, generators, disc cutters, garden power tools, and similar equipment.**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, the crime recording systems used by Police Scotland have no facility which allows for us to conduct a keyword search of crime reports, nor is there a facility which allows us to search by nature of stolen property.

The only way to establish this, would be to individually examine all Theft offences for the time periods requested.

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).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

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.