| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-2551Responded to: 22 October 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Under the Freedom of Information Act, for the offence 'out of control dog causing injury' (008/21), how many times was a suspect identified for this offence more than once, for each year from 2018 – 2023?

## If you do not have data for all of 2023, please provide it up until the most recent data available and specify that date.

Home Office Crime Classifications and codes do not extend to Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. The information sought is not held by Police Scotland.

Crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the Scottish Government Justice Department (SGJD) offence classifications, however there is no Scottish crime classification relevant to your request.

To be of assistance, dangerous dog crimes are available online, however, please note that there is no directly comparable offence in Scotland. Such offences are recorded under a more generic heading. Crime data can be accessed online - [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)

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 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 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.