| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0870  responded to: 13 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to request data regarding the enforcement and statistics of mobile phone usage while driving and seatbelt compliance in vehicles within your jurisdiction. Specifically, I would like to request the following information:**

## Mobile Phone Usage While Driving:

## The number of reported offences for drivers using a mobile phone while driving from January 2022 to February 2025.

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) and 27(1) exemptions apply:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it is exempt information”

Information is publicly available at  [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)​.

Please note that a recorded crime is any crime that had been reported to Police Scotland whereas detected crimes are those where an accused has been identified and there exists a sufficiency of evidence under Scots Law to justify consideration of criminal proceedings.

## Including if possible:

## Age of offender (e.g., under 18, 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+)

## Gender of offender

## A brief description of what took place (if possible).

## Vehicle being driven

## Actions taken (Fines, penalties, warnings, arrests)

## Injury/Deaths (of offender/victim)

## Damage to vehicles

## Seatbelt Compliance:

## The number of reported offences for failure to wear a seatbelt from January 2022 to January 2025.

## Including if possible:

## Age of offender (e.g., under 18, 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+)

## Gender of offender

## A brief description of what took place (if possible).

## Vehicle being driven

## Actions taken (Fines, penalties, warnings, arrests)

## Injury/Deaths (of offender/victim)

## Damage to vehicles

Unfortunately, there is no simple way of extracting this data. The only way to collate the requested information is to manually review each crime report to extract and note any relevant detail. As such, 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.

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.