| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-0075Responded to: 01 February 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Could you please detail the number of Police Vehicles that have been involved in car crashes or other vehicle collisions in Scotland (each year since records began)?**

| **Year**  | **Number of accidents** |
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| 2017 | 1,439 |
| 2018 | 1,428 |
| 2019 | 1,557 |
| 2020 | 1,501 |
| 2021 | 1,404 |
| 2022 | 1,484 |
| 2023 | 1,234 |
| 2024 (to date)  | 19 |

## I would also like names, age, details of each crash?

In terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act), Section 16 of the Act requires Police Scotland to provide you with a notice which: (a) states that it holds the information, (b) states that it is claiming an exemption, (c) specifies the exemption in question and (d) states, if that would not be otherwise apparent, why the exemption applies.

**Section 38(1) (b) – Personal Information**

Whilst I accept that you may have a legitimate interest with regards the disclosure of this information and that disclosure may well be necessary for that purpose, I am nonetheless of the view that those interests are overridden by the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subject.

To explain, with regards to providing details of personal information from each crash would be a release of personal information. Disclosure of such information, either directly or inadvertently is exempt under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

This is an absolute exemption which does not require a public interest test.

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.