| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-0103  Responded to: 6 February 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**1. Can you reveal the number of weapons seized in schools in the following years: 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023**

**2. Can you also detail the incidents in 2023?**

**3. What was the most common weapon found each year?**

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.

To explain, the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to manually examine productions seized for all potentially relevant crimes reports to establish whether a weapon is listed.

To be of assistance, data for weapons offences in schools is publicly available [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/) – search crime type column for ‘school’

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.