| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-1185Responded to: 01 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am submitting a Freedom of Information request regarding your force’s investigation of crimes relating to tool theft.

We are unable to search crime reports based on the nature of the stolen property.

To fully answer your request, we would be required to manually access all theft crime reports and review each one to determine those that relate to the theft of tools.

This is an exercise that would clearly exceed the cost threshold set out within the Act.

As such, 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 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.