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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## The number of police officers who have been injured while on duty in the last three years broken down by:

## 1a) Calendar years (2022, 2023, 2024)

## 1b) Injury Cause (for example, assault by civilian, slip,trip,fall, road traffic incident)

**1a and b:**

**2022**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Injury cause | Officer | Probationer | Special Constable | Total |
| Assault | 1,230 |  | 3 | 1,233 |
| Contact with animals | 69 |  |  | 69 |
| During arrest/custody process | 634 |  | 2 | 636 |
| Exposure to hazardous materials | 92 |  |  | 92 |
| Manual handling - object | 103 |  |  | 103 |
| Manual handling – person | 89 |  |  | 89 |
| Needlestick injury | 7 |  |  | 7 |
| Other | 236 | 4 |  | 240 |
| Road traffic collision/occurrence | 121 |  | 1 | 122 |
| Slip,trip or fall from height | 33 |  |  | 33 |
| Slip, trip or fall from same level | 202 | 7 | 1 | 210 |
| Grand Total | 2,816 | 11 | 7 | 2,834 |

## 2023

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Injury cause | Officer | Probationer | Special Constable | Total |
| Assault | 1,314 |  | 1 | 1,315 |
| Contact with animals | 87 |  |  | 87 |
| During arrest/custody process | 815 |  |  | 815 |
| Exposure to hazardous materials | 34 |  |  | 34 |
| Manual handling - object | 69 |  |  | 69 |
| Manual handling – person | 61 |  |  | 61 |
| Needlestick injury | 19 |  |  | 19 |
| Other | 340 |  | 2 | 342 |
| Road traffic collision/occurrence | 111 |  |  | 111 |
| Slip,trip or fall from height | 68 |  |  | 68 |
| Slip, trip or fall from same level | 199 | 1 |  | 200 |
| Grand Total | 3,117 | 1 | 3 | 3,121 |

## 2024

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Injury cause | Officer | Probationer | Special Constable | Total |
| Assault | 1,331 |  | 4 | 1,335 |
| Contact with animals | 93 |  |  | 93 |
| During arrest/custody process | 794 |  | 1 | 795 |
| Exposure to hazardous materials | 37 |  |  | 37 |
| Manual handling - object | 94 | 1 |  | 95 |
| Manual handling – person | 74 |  |  | 74 |
| Needlestick injury | 21 |  |  | 21 |
| Other | 360 | 12 |  | 372 |
| Road traffic collision/occurrence | 104 |  |  | 104 |
| Slip,trip or fall from height | 26 |  |  | 26 |
| Slip, trip or fall from same level | 225 | 4 |  | 229 |
| Grand Total | 3,159 | 17 | 5 | 3,181 |

## 1c) Injury severity (serious/minor etc.)

I have provided the figures for incidents that fall under the RIDDOR category.

RIDDOR is the ‘Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations’. This requires us to report any injuries such as death; specified injures (fractures, loss of consciousness etc), and injuries that result in more than 7 days absence to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

The below tables highlight the number of reports submitted to the HSE during respective calendar years.

## 2022

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| --- | --- |
| Injury | Total |
| Assault | 28 |
| Contact with animal | 1 |
| During arrest/custody process | 33 |
| Manual handling – object | 11 |
| Manual handling – person | 8 |
| Other | 22 |
| Road traffic collision/occurance | 21 |
| Slip, trip or fall from height | 4 |
| Slip, trip or fall from same level | 35 |
| Grand Total | 163 |

## 2023

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Injury | Total |
| Assault | 30 |
| Contact with animal | 6 |
| During arrest/custody process | 36 |
| Manual handling – object | 3 |
| Manual handling – person | 6 |
| Other | 37 |
| Road traffic collision/occurance | 13 |
| Slip, trip or fall from height | 11 |
| Slip, trip or fall from same level | 26 |
| Grand Total | 168 |

## 2024

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Injury | Total |
| Assault | 48 |
| Contact with animal | 3 |
| During arrest/custody process | 30 |
| Manual handling – object | 12 |
| Manual handling – person | 8 |
| Other | 36 |
| Road traffic collision/occurance | 24 |
| Slip, trip or fall from height | 6 |
| Slip, trip or fall from same level | 45 |
| Grand Total | 212 |

## The number of compensation claims made by police officers for injuries sustained on duty broken down by calendar years (2022, 2023, 2024)

2022 – 7

2023 – 14

2024 – 35

## 2a) The number of settled claims, refused claims and amount of compensation awarded broken down by years as above.

I regret to inform you in accordance with Sections 12(1) (Excessive cost of compliance) and 16(4) (Refusal of request) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act), this letter represents a Refusal Notice.

By further way of explanation, to identify this would require a manual trawl of all files to identify the information requested above. There are in total 463 files. If we estimated it would take 10 mins to look through each file then this would take approximately 77 hours and cost £1,157.50 which is in excess of the £600 and 40 hour cost limit prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under the Act.

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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.