| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1580  Responded to: 10th June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Time Period: January 2022 to the most recent available month in 2025

## Breakdown: Ideally by month and by city/town, or region if more appropriate

## 1. The number of call-outs where BBQs were a contributing factor (e.g., reports of fire, public disturbance, antisocial behaviour, etc.). If you can provide the call out type with this it would be great but total number if not.

## 2. The number of arrests or charges brought as a result of fires started by BBQs.

## 3. The number of arrests or charges brought in connection with disturbances at BBQs (e.g., alcohol-related, antisocial behaviour, fights, etc.).

Unfortunately, I regret to inform you that I estimate 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.

By way of explanation, I can advise that whilst incidents are categorised, there is no specific incident classification which directly relates to the type of activity outlined in your request: “BBQs”. There are no relevant markers available on the Police Scotland incident recording systems, nor is there a search facility available, which would allow for the automatic retrieval of this level of information from any relevant reports.

Therefore, the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to manually review each individual incident report from January 1st, 2022, onwards to ascertain whether the incident occurred at/ because of a BBQ. Unfortunately, given the volume of reports that would be required to be read through for that three-year period, this exercise would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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.