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

## Please could you provide the following information for your area:

## The number of incidents, callouts, or reports involving magnet fishing per year of 2022,2023, and 2024 as well as 2025 so far.

## The number of those incidents that involved the discovery of firearms, explosives, grenades, or suspected ordnance.

## The number of occasions where the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) / bomb squad was called to attend a magnet fishing–related incident.

## Where recorded, the location or local authority area of each incident.

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.

By way of explanation, although incidents are categorised on STORM, there is no category specific to magnet fishing. The only way to collate the requested data in an accurate and concise manner would be to manually review all potentially relevant incidents for relevance.

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.