| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-0554Responded to: 21 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I would like to obtain information relating to road accidents where damaged roads or potholes have been recorded as a factor for the whole of 2024.

## I believe the phrase used to record this was previously 'poor or defective road

## surface'.

## As per my previous request, I would like to see a total of all incidents and a breakdown of how these were categorised in terms of seriousness, for example and fatal accidents, and by policing area.

The tables at the end of this document provides the number of Road Traffic Collisions and Casualties where ‘defective surface’ was at least one of the contributory factors, broken down by severity.

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 19 March 2025.

Please note on the 12th June 2019, CRaSH was implemented within D Division. On the 3rd July 2019, CRaSH was implemented across the other Police Divisions within Police Scotland. CRaSH replaced the existing procedures for recording Road Traffic Collisions.

Road Traffic Casualties with 'Defective Surface' recorded as at least one of the contributory factors have been selected and displayed within Table 1. Please note, more than one contributory factor can be recorded against a Road Traffic Casualties.

## Table 1: Road Traffic Collisions where defective surface was at least one of the contributory factors, by severity.

Period: 1st January 2024 – 31st December 2024

| **Division** | **Collision Severity** | **2024** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Ayrshire  | Serious | 2 |
| Dumfries and Galloway | Serious | 2 |
| Edinburgh | Slight | 1 |
| Fife | Serious | 1 |
| Forth Valley | Serious | 2 |
| North East | Serious | 1 |
| Renfrewshire & Inverclyde | Slight | 3 |
| Tayside | Slight | 2 |
| The Lothian & Scottish Borders | Serious | 2 |
| The Lothian & Scottish Borders | Slight | 1 |
| Total |  | 17 |

## Table 2: Road Traffic Casualties where Defective Surface was at least one of the contributory factors, by severity

Period: 1st January 2024 – 31st December 2024

| **Division** | **Casualty Severity** | **2024** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Ayrshire | Serious | 2 |
| Dumfries & Galloway | Serious | 5 |
| Edinburgh | Slight | 1 |
| Fife | Serious | 1 |
| Forth Valley | Serious | 2 |
| North East | Serious | 1 |
| Renfrewshire & Inverclyde  | Slight | 5 |
| Tayside | Slight | 3 |
| Lothian & Scottish Borders | Serious | 2 |
| Lothian & Scottish Borders | Slight | 4 |
| Total |  | 26 |

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](https://www.foi.scot/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.