



Response Date:29/01/2025

2025/080 – Tool theft

In response to your recent request for information excess cost is relevant to part which removes the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

1. The number of tool marking events that your police force has supported in the following calendar years: 2024 and 2023?

'We don't buy crime' came into being in late June 2023, there were no tool marking events during this time ;

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However in 2024 our team facilitated 15 events both in the community and at various builders merchants and trade venues across the force.

2.

(a) How many suspected stolen tools has your police force seized and/or catalogued in the following calendar years: 2024 and 2023?

(b) How many of these tools has your police force manage to reunite with their owners in the following calendar years: 2024 and 2023

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. There are a number of reasons items can be seized. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

3. How many arrests has your police force made for offences relating tool theft in the following calendar years: 2024 and 2023?

Tool Theft counts are dependant on property type being entered, therefore under reporting may be likely.

This search is filtered to Gen Prop Type = "Tools" or "Machinery or tools"

Data is filtered to Arrest ID = is not null + Gen Prop Classification matches "Stolen"

Tool Theft Arrests	
Calendar Year	Occurrence Count
2023	3

NB:

The reference to "tools" above relates to those commonly used by tradespeople. This includes, but is not limited to, drills and impact drivers, saws, angle grinders, multi-tools, nail guns, generators, disc cutters, garden power tools, and similar equipment.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 27/01/2025