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2025/600 - Burglary

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

For each of the past ten years (2015-2025) what is the number of attempted burglary reports involving use of a blowtorch?

Burglary Offences 2015-2025 + Keyword Search "blowtorch" or "blow torch" in the occurrence summary or oel:

Calendar Year	HO Code	HO Description	Offence Category Code	Offence HO Group1	Summary
2015	030/02A	Burglary Business and Community		05. BOTD	UNKNOWN OFFENDERS HAVE GAINED ACCESS TO BUILDING UNDER RENOVATION BY CLIMBING SCAFFOLDING AND MADE ENTRY VIA INSECURE WINDOW, ONCE INSIDE OFFENDERS HAVE SELECTED A QUANTITY OF WORK TOOLS AND MADE OFF WITH SAME
2015	030/02A	Burglary Business and Community		05. BOTD	known offenders cut padlock of storage container in order to gain entry and stole items from within.
2016	030/02A	Burglary Business and Community		05. BOTD	unknown offender[s] have cut locks on garage door to enter and stole a Mountain bike, a quantity of power tools, and fishing rods from within. Also, cut hasp on shed door to enter and steal from within.
2016	030/02A	Burglary Business		05. BOTD	UNKNOWN SUSPECTS HAVE GAINED ACCESS INTO IP'S INDUSTRIAL UNIT BY DAMAGING THE FRONT DOOR. THE SUSPECTS STOLE VARIOUS ITEMS (APPROX £1500)

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		and Community			INCLUDING MECHANICS TOOLS, COMPRESSOR AND WELDER.
2018	030/02A	Burglary Business and Community	30C	05. Burglary - Business and Community	INFT REPORTED SEEING 2 UNKNOWN MALE OFFENDERS BREAKING INTO THE LOC VIA THE FRONT DOOR. UNKNOWN OFFENDERS HAVE ENTERED THROUGH THE FRONT SLIDING DOORS AND HAVE THEN LIFTED UP THE SHUTTERS IN ORDER TO GAIN ACCESS INTO THE STORE. UNKNOWN OFFENDERS HAVE THEN CAUSED DAMAGE TO THE ATM IN THE STORE AND HAVE STOLEN A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY FROM WITHIN.
2018	028/03A	Burglary Residential (Dwelling)	28E	04. Burglary Residential	IP REPORTED THAT HE RETURNED HOME AND SAW HIS VEHICLE PARKED ON HIS DRIVEWAY. ...HE DISCOVERED THAT A SIDE DOOR HAD BEEN DAMAGED AT HIS HOME AND ENTRY GAINED BY UNKNOWN OFFENDER(S) WHO HAVE TAKEN THE KEYS TO THE IP'S VEHICLE AND HIS VEHICLE HAD BEEN STOLEN FROM HIS DRIVEWAY.
2018	028/03A	Burglary Residential (Dwelling)	28E	04. Burglary Residential	Known offender/s have gained entry into the IP's back garden and have smashed the glass panel on the back door. Not clear as of time of reporting what has been stolen. Later on the offender/s were caught unloading goods that match stolen goods from burglaries in the area and the IP's wallet.
2019	028/03A	Burglary Residential (Dwelling)	28E	04. Burglary Residential	Over a 24 hour period unknown offenders have attended at the rear of the location address. Using force offenders have force bottom panel to rear door, entry has been made, once inside the address, search has been made and tools have been taken from within
2019	028/03C	Attempted Burglary Residential (Dwelling)	28F	04. Burglary Residential	Unknown offender/s have attempted to gain access into the IP's home by burning the UPVC door near to the lock, similar damage can seen to the rear window,
2020	030/02B	Attempted Burglary Business and Community	30D	05. Burglary - Business and Community	Offenders have driven onto a locked site with shipping containers having burnt the lock on the gates. They have then attempted to gain access to two containers within the site but appear to have been disturbed by the informant. Stats classed as an Attempted Burglary OTD.
2022	028/03A	Burglary Residential (Dwelling)	28E	04. Burglary Residential	Unknown person/s have gained entry to the property via melting a window frame, wallet, handbag, vehicle and keys have been taken.

2022	028/03B	Burglary Residential (Other Building)	28E	04. Burglary Residential	I.P disclosed he was a victim of burglary, shed within allotments ... broken into and items stolen
2023	030/02A	Burglary Business and Community	30C	05. Burglary - Business and Community	Inftr has arrived at the location, reporting that persons have burned open the door gaining entry into the premises. Suspect(s) have also burned through the second door to gain access to the office.
2023	030/02A	Burglary Business and Community	30C	05. Burglary - Business and Community	Report that offenders have stolen diesel from outside tank and have also gained entry to building and tank inside.
2024	030/02B	Attempted Burglary Business and Community	30D	05. Burglary - Business and Community	Unknown male offender has been seen on the shop CCTV trying to melt the plastic on the shop window in an attempt to gain entry.
2025	028/03A	Residential Burglary of a Home	28I	04. Burglary Residential	Informant reporting a male had attempted to break into his neighbours address Ip reporting male has entered the back of his property when IP has seen him he was half way into the property - nothing taken
2025	028/03A	Residential Burglary of a Home	28I	04. Burglary Residential	IP REPORTING TOOLS HAVE BEEN TAKING FROM A FLAT OF HIS, THAT HE IS RENOVATING

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