



HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date:30/01/2026

2026/076 - Blowtorch burglaries

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I would like to request data regarding burglaries in which heat-based tools (commonly referred to as "Blowtorch burglaries") were used or suspected.

I request the following information:

- 1) Attempted burglary reports involving use of a blowtorch/cutting torch/oxyacetylene in your area: Data shown annually from 1st January 2015 to 31st December 2025**
Whether the target was commercial or residential.
Whether any areas were flagged internally as repeated targets
Whether there was fire service involvement
The number of incidents resulting in a charge or no suspect identified

We have searched our systems for Burglary Occurrences with keyword search of "Blowtorch" or "Cutting Torch" or "Oxyacetylene"

Calendar Year	HO Description	Outcome	Summary
2017	Burglary Business and Community	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	... using oxyacetylene cutting equipment. No access gained

- 2) Whether the force has produced any internal assessments, profiles or briefings relating specifically to burglaries involving heat-based tools during this period**

No information held

- 3) Any footage of blowtorch burglary attempts that can be shared, no personal data required.**

No information held

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 26/01/2026

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