



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:22/06/2026

2026/583 - Kirpan mentioned in offence

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please detail the number of reported offences between Jan 23 and Dec 25 where a ceremonial Sikh Kirpan knife/sword was mentioned in the crime report. If possible break the data down into the month it occurred and whether the offence related to possession of the weapon; threat of assault; or some form of assault using the knife.

We have searched the Occ Summary for keywords "kirpan", "kirpan sword", "kirpan knife", "sikh sword" or "sikh knife":

Year	HO Code	HO Description	Weapon used	Summary
2025	0000A	non crime occurrence	;Bladed implement (possession);	Suspect has been in possession of a knife (Kirpan) and has been carrying this around his waist whilst out in public. Upon further investigation it has been reported that the suspect is of Sikh religion and has a lawful purpose to carry his Kirpan

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 08/062026

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