



Response Date:14/08/2026

2026/778 - Crimes involving the use of a kirpan

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I am seeking information relating to recorded crimes involving the use of a kirpan (the Sikh ceremonial sword).

For each calendar year from 1 January 2021 to 27 July 2026 (or the most recent data available), please provide:

- 1. The number of recorded crimes in which a "kirpan", "Sikh ceremonial sword", or "Sikh dagger" is recorded as having been used, possessed, or otherwise associated with the offence.**
- 2. A breakdown of those offences by offence type or Home Office offence category for each year.**
- 3. A redacted copy of the crime report, incident summary, MO (modus operandi) text, occurrence log, or other free-text narrative relating to each offence, with all personal data and information identifying individuals removed as necessary.**

If your force records this information through keyword searches rather than structured fields, I would be grateful if you could search for the terms "kirpan", "Sikh dagger" and "Sikh ceremonial sword" within relevant crime recording systems.

We can locate no recorded crime with any of the key words provided.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 10/08/2026

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