



Freedom of Information request 01/FOI/24/2745
We received your request on the 20/07/2024.

Request

You asked us:

To request the number of recorded cases of alcohol-related offences on trains in Scotland in each of the last three years please. ie. 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24. Please supply these broken down by offence type (eg. consumption of alcohol on a train) and disposal (eg. fixed penalty). Thanks.

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Our response:

Please note that 2021, 2022 and 2023 will include periods of time when rail passenger numbers were low, or recovering, from the results of COVID19 lockdowns (no unnecessary travel).

The BTP system was searched using the BTP Division Code equal to D for Scotland and was searched using recorded date between 01/01/2021 to 21/07/2024. The search was further narrowed filtering for occurrences only related to alcohol and on train. Alcohol related crime has been identified with 'Occurrence Flag Alcohol related' or 'Occurrence Force Class' matches pattern %Alcohol% (% is a wildcard).

Please see table below:

No. of Count Crimes	Year			
Offence Type	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	Grand Total
Attempt Murder (A01)			1	1
Byelaws - Public Order Related Rail Staff Only (Y04)	1	3	4	8
Cannabis Possession (W10)			1	1
Common Assault/Battery with No Injury (Z70)	16	14	21	51
Drunk & Incapable (Z41)			1	1
Drunk In Charge of a Child Under 7 Years (Z42)			2	2
Firearms - Other Offences - Serious Only Not Covered By Other B Codes (C04)		1		1
Graffiti (M29)	1			1
Other Class B Possession (W28)	1			1
Other Class C Possession (W32)	1			1
Other Notifiable Crimes Not Listed (U00)			2	2
Police - Assault Without Injury on A Constable (Police Officer or PCSO) (Z79)	4			4
Police - Resist or Obstruct Police (Z82)		1		1
Public Order - Breach of The Peace (Z72)	3	8	4	15
Railway - Byelaws - Offences Re Travel Fraud (Z02)	1	1		2
Railway - Byelaws - Passenger Control (Z03)			1	1
Railway - Byelaws - Protection Equipment (Z05)	3	2	2	7
Railway - Byelaws - Public Order Related (For Staff Who State That They Are Victims Of Minor Disorder Use Y04, For Taxi Touts Use Y07) (Z04)	12	21	19	52
Railway - Excess Alcohol Rail Worker (Z13)			1	1
Railways - Travel Fraud Travels or Attempts to Travel With Intent To Avoid Payment Of Fare (Z20)			2	2
Scot: Assault to Injury (B02)	1	4	6	11
Scot: Breach of Bail (Other Than Absconding or Reoffending) (R03)		2		2
Scot: Communicate Indecently Older Child 13 To 15 Years (D70)		1		1
Scot: Communicate Indecently Young Child Under 13 (D50)	1			1
Scot: Communicating Indecently (D29)			2	2
Scot: Cruelty Neglecting And Causing Unnatural Treatment Of Children Cyp Scotland 1937 Sec 12 (B14)	2			2
Scot: Cruelty To Or Neglect Of Children Cyp Scotland 1937 Sec 12 (B23)		1		1
Scot: Culpable And Reckless Conduct - Other (L07)	1			1
Scot: Offensive Weapons - Possession (C01)		2		2
Scot: Public Indecency (E05)	1			1
Scot: Racially Aggravated Conduct Crime law Cons Scot Act 1995 Section 50A 1 B (X13)	3			3
Scot: Serious Assault (B00)		1	1	2
Scot: Sexual Assault - Female 13 To 15 (D21)	2	1		3
Scot: Sexual Assault - Female 16 And Over (D19)	2	3	4	9
Scot: Sexual Assault - Male 13 To 15 (D20)	1			1
Scot: Sexual Assault - Male 16 And Over (D18)			2	2
Scot: Threatening or Abusive Behaviour (Y79)	54	50	76	180

Scot: Vandalism Rolling Stock (M22)	1			1
Scot: Sexual Assault by Penetration - Female 16 And Over (D15)			1	1
Theft - From Person (J04)	1			1
Theft - Personal Property (J03)			3	3
Theft - Undertakings Stores (J08)		1		1
Urinating / Defecating in Public (Z95)			2	2
Grand Total	113	117	158	388