



Freedom of Information request ref 01/FOI/25/3886
We received your request on the 11/12/2025.

Request

You asked us:

I would like to request the following data: The number of recorded knife-related crimes that occurred on trains within the British Transport Police jurisdiction for each of the past five calendar years. I am a journalist for Inside The Box Magazine researching an article about whether the government should implement additional security measures such as metal detectors within UK train stations. This data will help provide accurate context for the discussion.

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

Our response:

Please find the information requested on the table below. In line with the request, the data shows crimes recorded as 'on train' only (so excluding crimes detected in stations or other railway locations) and includes different crime codes and markers for use or threat of a knife.

Please note that the time period requested includes the time covered by Covid-19 restrictions and changes in travel patterns which impacted rail passenger numbers and consequently some types of crime.

Recorded Year	Crime records classified as 'Z57 – having an article with blade or point in a public place'	Crime records classified as 'Y57 – threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article in a public place'	Crime records including weapons flag for 'knife enabled crime' This indicates use or attempted use or threat of knife, including verbal threats of an unseen weapon
2020	49	8	155
2021	47	23	236
2022	38	4	242
2023	36	6	264
2024	48	9	294