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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-03159

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: ALCOHOL RELATED ROAD DEATHS

Request and Answer:

Question 1

How many road-deaths in NI in the last 5 years for which statistics are available have been alcohol related?

Question 2

How many related to other, non-alcohol drugs?

Answer

Please see attached table provided by the Police Service of Northern Ireland Central Statistics Department. Please note Central Statistics can only provide statistics on the number of fatal collisions/ fatalities where the cause of the collision was due to 'alcohol/ drugs' on behalf of the driver/rider/pedestrian or passenger. 'Alcohol/ drugs' is recorded under a single causation factor and as such we are unable to provide a separate breakdown for alcohol and another for drugs.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this email.

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Injury Road Traffic Collisions and Casualties due to 'Alcohol or Drugs (All Road Users)' 2004/05 - 2008/09

	Fatal Collision	Serious Collision	Slight Collision	Total	Killed	Seriously injured	Slightly injured	Total
Alcohol or drugs - driver/rider								
2004/05	26	63	201	290	32	111	447	590
2005/06	19	72	172	263	20	100	382	502
2006/07	15	66	207	288	20	112	393	525
2007/08	12	89	252	353	15	119	444	578
2008/09	20	88	213	321	21	130	382	533
Total	92	378	1045	1515	108	572	2048	2728
Alcohol or drugs - pedestrian								
2004/05	6	18	29	53	6	19	34	59
2005/06	6	19	32	57	6	20	42	68
2006/07	8	18	49	75	8	18	53	79
2007/08	3	19	53	75	3	22	54	79
2008/09	3	20	46	69	3	20	52	75
Total	26	94	209	329	26	99	235	360
Alcohol or drugs - passenger								
2004/05	0	2	1	3	0	2	1	3
2005/06	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
2006/07	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	2
2007/08	0	2	1	3	0	2	2	4
2008/09	0	3	1	4	0	3	2	5
Total	0	9	4	13	0	9	6	15