

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

1. How many people were arrested by West Midlands Police for being on their phone whilst driving in the 2017?

**There is no power of arrest for this offence.**

2. How many people were charged by West Midlands Police with death by dangerous driving in a case involving distraction by a phone in 2017?

**We have researched all the arrests for death by dangerous driving and none of the circumstances refer to the driver using a mobile phone at the time of the incident.**

3. How many people have been involved in a fatal accident as a result of a car crash involving a driver using their phone whilst driving in 2017?

**There were no Fatal RTC's where the contributory factor was Using A Mobile Phone**

4. Please can West Midlands Police provide any relevant incident reports of people being arrested for using their phone whilst driving?

**As stated in question 1 - There is no power of arrest for this offence.**

5. Since the new laws came into place on March 1 2017 how many drivers have been disqualified from driving by West Midlands Police after being caught using their phone whilst driving?

**Disqualifications are issued by the court and not West Midlands Police, therefore you would need to contact Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service (HMCTS).**

6. How many people have been arrested for drink driving in 2017 by West Midlands Police?  
**2908 people were arrested for driving with alcohol above the legal limit in 2017.**

7. How many people have been disqualified from driving by West Midlands Police as a result of drink driving in 2017?

**See question 5.**

8. How many people have been in a fatal accident as a result of drink driving in 2017?

**See below.**

**Count of Fatal Injury RTCs where at least one Contributory Factor is Impaired By alcohol**

Month	Total
Jan-17	0
Feb-17	0
Mar-17	0
Apr-17	1
May-17	1
Jun-17	1
Jul-17	0
Aug-17	1
Sep-17	0
Oct-17	0
Nov-17	1
Dec-17	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>