

REQUEST

Please may you provide me with the aggregated number of 'drink spiking' incidents recorded by your force between 2015 and September 2021, broken down by year, as well as the number of convictions for drink spiking in the same period.

Please search for this data using the following Home Office crime codes:

- **005/10 (Administering poison so as to endanger life)**
- **008/02 10 (Administering poison with intent to injure or annoy)**
- **005/24 (Use of noxious substances of things to cause harm and intimidate)**
- **088/05 (10 (Administering a substance with intent)**
- **005/05 10 (Administering drug with intent to commit indictable offence)**

Please also do a keyword search of MO codes, using the terms, 'spiking', 'drink-spike', 'drink spiked', spiked drink', while checking to make sure that they don't refer to some other context (e.g. 'a spiked fence' or 'spiked hair').

Please find below, the total of offences per the above Home Office codes, in addition to this and as specified a specific keyword search was conducted within this data Please see below the results of these searches.

Year	spiking	drink-spike	drink spiked	spiked drink	Total
2015					
2016					
2017					
2018				1	1
2019					
2020	1		2		3
2021	1		1		2
Total	2		3	1	6

It is important to note that a keyword search is notoriously unreliable as we are unable to conduct such a search on the whole occurrence log, only the much abbreviated summary description of an occurrence.

The reasons why searches using this method are not reliable include (but are not limited to) the following:-

- a) Searches rely on the keywords being spelt correctly with no grammatical errors
- b) Searches rely on the keywords actually being mentioned in the summary description of the offence – if they are mentioned in the longer full occurrence log but not in the summary, then they will not feature in any results.