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## Subject: Accidents at Public Swimming Pools in Edinburgh

I am writing to make a Freedom of Information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am seeking information related to slip accidents, severity of injuries, fines incurred, and accident locations at public swimming pools managed by Edinburgh City Council.

Please provide the following information:

1. The total number of slip accidents recorded at public swimming pools managed by Edinburgh City Council in the last three years (from the date of this request).
2. A breakdown of the severity of injuries resulting from these slip accidents, categorised as minor, moderate, or severe.
3. The total amount of fines, if any, incurred by Edinburgh City Council due to these slip accidents, either due to enforcement actions or compensation claims.
4. The specific locations within the swimming pool facilities where these slip accidents occurred (e.g., poolside, changing rooms, showers, entrance/exit areas).

If possible, please provide the information in electronic format, preferably as a spreadsheet or CSV file.

I understand that under the Freedom of Information Act, I should receive a response within 20 working days of your receipt of this request. If any part of this request is unclear, please contact me via email so that I can provide clarification as necessary.

## Response

Please note we have provided the information held for the venues managed by Edinburgh Leisure only as this is the information that we hold. If there are any other public pools managed by City of Edinburgh Council that are not under Edinburgh Leisure's management, you will need to contact them for this information.

A full list of Edinburgh Leisure managed venues can be found on our website [here](#).

1. The total number of slip accidents recorded at public swimming pools managed by Edinburgh City Council in the last three years (from the date of this request).

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3. The total amount of fines, if any, incurred by Edinburgh City Council due to these slip accidents, either due to enforcement actions or compensation claims.

None. There have been no fines in relation to any of these slips. There have also been no compensation claims submitted for any of the slip accidents in swimming pools or changing rooms for the period in question.

4. The specific locations within the swimming pool facilities where these slip accidents occurred (e.g., poolside, changing rooms, showers, entrance/exit areas).

Document 'Slip Info 2020 – 2023' provided to requester.

We have also included the facility name as this is how we record the information.

| Site Name                   | Location In Site  | Location Other Details      | Body Part    | Injury Type         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Warrender Swim Centre       | Poolside          | Changing room               | Back         | Graze               |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool     | Main Pool         | poolside                    | Hand - Left  | Sprain or Strain    |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool     | Changing Room Wet | Changing room               | Foot - Right | Cut - Dressing Only |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool     | Changing Room Wet | Changing room               | Hand - Right | Cut - Dressing Only |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool     | Main Pool         | poolside                    | Foot - Left  | Cut - Dressing Only |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool     | Changing Room Wet | Changing room               | Various      | Multiple Injuries   |
| Warrender Swim Centre       | Main Pool         | Poolside                    | Torso        | Bruises             |
| Dalry Swim Centre           | Showers Wet       | Balcony                     | Hand - Left  | Other               |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool     | Main Pool         | poolside                    | Foot - Left  | Sprain or Strain    |
| Glenogle Swim Centre        | Main Pool         | Poolside                    | None         | None                |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool     | Main Pool         | Poolside                    | Head         | Bump                |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool     | Changing Room Wet | Changing room               | Various      | Bruises             |
| Ainslie Park Leisure Centre | Main Pool         | Poolside                    | Head         | Bump                |
| Portobello Swim Centre      | Main Pool         | Main pool                   | Face         | Cut - Dressing Only |
| Dalry Swim Centre           | Showers Wet       | outside balcony shower area | Various      | Other               |

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Balerno Community High School | Poolside          | Poolside                | Leg - Left   | Graze               |
| Warrender Swim Centre         | Poolside          | poolside                | Back         | Bruises             |
| Dalry Swim Centre             | Showers Wet       | Balcony                 | Arm - Left   | Bump                |
| Drumbrae Leisure Centre       | Main Pool         | Poolside                | Leg - Left   | Bump                |
| Dalry Swim Centre             | Showers Wet       | outside balcony showers | Head         | Other               |
| Drumbrae Leisure Centre       | Main Pool         | poolside                | Leg - Right  | Bump                |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool       | Changing Room Wet | Changing room           | Head         | Bump                |
| Gracemount Leisure Centre     | Poolside          | poolside                | Various      | Other               |
| Gracemount Leisure Centre     | Poolside          | pool side               | Hand - Right | Bruises             |
| Portobello Swim Centre        | Changing Room Wet | Back Corridor           | Torso        | Other               |
| Drumbrae Leisure Centre       | Showers Wet       | poolside                | Arm - Left   | Bump                |
| Gracemount Leisure Centre     | Poolside          | Poolside                | Head         | Bump                |
| Warrender Swim Centre         | Main Pool         | poolside                | Head         | Bump                |
| Dalry Swim Centre             | Showers Wet       | Balcony                 | Back         | Back Pain           |
| Drumbrae Leisure Centre       | Poolside          | poolside                | Head         | Bruises             |
| Ainslie Park Leisure Centre   | Main Pool         | poolside                | None         | None                |
| Dalry Swim Centre             | Changing Room Wet | Changing room           | Leg - Right  | Sprain or Strain    |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool       | Main Pool         | Poolside                | Leg - Left   | Cut - Dressing Only |
| Portobello Swim Centre        | Main Pool         | Poolside                | Various      | Graze               |
| Balerno Community High School | Main Pool         | poolside                | Leg - Left   | Cut - Dressing Only |
| Drumbrae Leisure Centre       | Changing Room Wet | Changing room           | Head         | Bump                |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool       | Main Pool         | poolside                | Foot - Right | Cut - Dressing Only |
| Drumbrae Leisure Centre       | Changing Room Wet | showers                 | Various      | Bump                |
| Balerno Community High School | Poolside          | poolside                | Face         | Bruises             |
| Warrender Swim Centre         | Poolside          | Changing room           | Arm - Right  | Sprain or Strain    |
| Dalry Swim Centre             | Changing Room Wet | Balcony                 | Arm - Right  | Bruises             |

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| Balerno Community High School | Poolside          | poolside      | Face         | Bump                |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool       | Main Pool         | Boom          | None         | None                |
| Drumbrae Leisure Centre       | Changing Room Wet | Changing room | Arm - Right  | Bump                |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool       | Dive Pool         | Poolside      | Foot - Right | Bruises             |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool       | Changing Room Wet | Changing room | Head         | Bump                |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool       | Dive Pool         | Dive steps    | Foot - Right | Graze               |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool       | Changing Room Wet | Changing room | Head         | Bump                |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool       | Dive Pool         | Poolside      | Back         | Bruises             |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool       | Main Pool         | Poolside      | None         | None                |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool       | Dive Pool         | poolside      | Back         | Bump                |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool       | Main Pool         | Main pool     | Arm - Left   | Sprain or Strain    |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool       | Changing Room Wet | Changing room | Leg - Left   | Cut - Dressing Only |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool       | Dive Pool         | poolside      | Leg - Left   | Bruises             |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool       | Main Pool         | poolside      | Arm - Right  | Cut - Dressing Only |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool       | Dive Pool         | Poolside      | Head         | Bump                |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool       | Changing Room Wet | changing room | Head         | Bump                |
| Ainslie Park Leisure Centre   | Changing Room Wet | Changing room | Face         | Bump                |
| Portobello Swim Centre        | Changing Room Wet | Back corridor | Back         | Back Pain           |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool       | Changing Room Wet | Changing room | Head         | Bump                |
| Gracemount High School        | Dive Pool         | Poolside      | Foot - Left  | Bump                |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool       | Main Pool         | Poolside      | Leg - Right  | Bruises             |
| Gracemount Leisure Centre     | Changing Room Wet | Changing room | Leg - Left   | Bruises             |
| Portobello Swim Centre        | Main Pool         | poolside      | None         | none                |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool       | Changing Room Wet | Changing room | Head         | Bump                |
| Leith Victoria Swim Centre    | Main Pool         | Poolside      | Leg - Left   | Bruises             |

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| Ainslie Park Leisure Centre    | Changing Room Wet | Changing room | Hand - Right | Bruises             |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool        | Dive Pool         | Poolside      | Foot - Left  | Bump                |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool        | Changing Room Wet | Changing room | Arm - Left   | Bump                |
| Portobello Swim Centre         | Changing Room Wet | Changing room | Leg - Right  | Cut - Dressing Only |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool        | Dive Pool         | Poolside      | Leg - Left   | Cut - Dressing Only |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool        | Changing Room Wet | Changing room | Back         | Bump                |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool        | Dive Pool         | Poolside      | Leg - Right  | Graze               |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool        | Main Pool         | Boom          | Foot - Left  | Sprain or Strain    |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool        | Dive Pool         | Poolside      | Various      | Cut - Dressing Only |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool        | Dive Pool         | Poolside      | Leg - Left   | Cut - Dressing Only |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool        | Dive Pool         | Dive steps    | Leg - Left   | Bump                |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool        | Main Pool         | Poolside      | Foot - Right | Cut - Dressing Only |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool        | Main Pool         | poolside      | Foot - Right | Bump                |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool        | Dive Pool         | poolside      | Foot - Left  | Cut - Dressing Only |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool        | Changing Room Wet | Changing room | Head         | Bump                |
| Royal Commonwealth Pool        | Changing Room Wet | Poolside      | Various      | Bruises             |
| Portobello Swim Centre         | Changing Room Wet | Changing room | Leg - Right  | Bruises             |
| Gracemount Leisure Centre      | Main Pool         | Poolside      | Head         | Bump                |
| Wester Hailes Education Centre | Changing Room Wet | Changing room | Head         | Bruises             |

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### ***Information Not Held***

Edinburgh Leisure does not hold the information which you requested on:

2. [A breakdown of the severity of injuries resulting from these slip accidents, categorised as minor, moderate, or severe.](#)

We have provided the information in the format that we hold it, this does not include your categorisation. We do not categorise injuries in the way the request lists them.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide you with the information requested in the question(s) above as it is not held by Edinburgh Leisure.

Please note that this letter constitutes a formal refusal notice under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.