

**FOI Release**  
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**Title:** Downloading/streaming IP content

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**Information request:**

Can I please request you provide:

- a copy of the 'annual crime report'
- any information you hold that your office used to decide that downloading IP content is illegal.

As far as I can see it is the publishing and hosting of copyrighted material or IP that is illegal, downloading is in fact not; if there is any information you hold that you can release to help the public understand why downloading/streaming is considered illegal, then please also release that.

**Information released:**

In answer to the first part of your request, you can find a copy of the Annual IP Crime Report online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/annual-ip-crime-report-2015-to-2016> . In answer to the second part, the fraudulent reception of subscription broadcasts is a criminal offence under section 297 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988. A copy of the legislation can be found at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1988/48/section/297> .