

KEEP YOUR TOOLS KEEP IT LOCKED

Thieves are targeting vans in your area



- Park in a well-lit area at night
- Remove high value tools when left unattended
- Ensure vans are secured with alarms and good quality locks
- Don't leave anything on display



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SECURE YOUR VAN AND TOOLS

Thieves are currently targeting trade vans to steal hand and power tools

- Keep the van locked at all times, even if unattended for just a few moments Remove tools overnight.
- Upgrade the security on your van and fit an independent alarm. Do not rely on the factory fitted alarm. Select one accredited by Thatcham Research – www.thatcham.org and always use it. Contact your local dealership for advice and information on the latest available security upgrades.
- Consider installing a monitoring system in your van to alert you of intruders.
- Fit additional locks on your van doors as some manufacturer's locks can be picked, which will disable the alarm.
- Install a quality tool chest and secure it with a padlock approved by Sold Secure - www.soldsecure.com
- Mark your tools so that they are easily identifiable as belonging to you. Some ways to mark your property include:
 - Engraving – engrave your name, telephone number, house number and postcode on items
 - Forensic marking – use a forensic marking kit such as www.selectadna.co.uk or www.smartwater.com

Register your tools with the UK national property register - Immobilise www.immobilise.com – keep an up to date list of your tools, including photographs and serial numbers. This will help all UK police forces trace owners if the property is recovered.



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