

How to... **Prevent theft from your van**



Thieves target vans to steal tools wherever they are parked. Follow this advice to protect your van and its contents.

Park your van securely

- Always close windows and lock your van
- Park in a secure, well lit area where possible
- When parking at a hotel, park within view of reception, CCTV cameras or your room
- If using a public car park, try to use a "Parkmark" approved car park www.parkmark.co
- Block your van in with another vehicle, or park behind locked gates, in case thieves try to steal the entire vehicle
- Park closely to a wall/garage door, to prevent access to the side and rear of your van
- Upgrade the security on your van and fit an independent alarm

- Fit additional locks to your van doors

Reduce the risk of tool theft.

Offences can take place anywhere, in a car park, at the side of the road, or even when your van is on your drive. Always lock your van before leaving it.

- Display a sticker on the rear of your van stating your tools are removed overnight
- Remove your tools to a secure location overnight
- Remove items from display, clear your dashboard and seats of any valuables
- Clean your windscreen and dashboard of any suction marks left by sat-nav or phone holders
- Mark your tools – engrave with an identity known only to you
- Photograph your tools and keep a written record of them

Further security advice and products for your van at:

- www.protectavan.co.uk
- Police approved security products - www.soldsecure.com
- Van alarms - www.thatcham.org
- Permanent tool marking kit - www.creproducts.co.uk

In an emergency call **999**
For non emergencies call **101**



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- Register and track stolen tools - www.toolwatchapp.com
- Monitor your van remotely - www.uwatch.co.uk