

# HEATING OIL SECURITY



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## Top Tips

- **Keep your tank visible**
- **Provide lighting around your tank**
- **If your tank is fenced in make sure the fence and any gates are secure**
- **Check your oil gauges regularly**
- **Invest in an approved tank alarm**

**Oil is a prime target for thieves.**

**Take the following steps to secure your heating oil**

- Keep your tank in a well overlooked position – this will ensure thieves are more likely to be seen.
- If your tank is close to your house make sure that it can be seen from your windows – this coupled with lighting will make it less of a target.
- Security lights can help deter potential thieves. Low level 'dusk 'til dawn' lights positioned close to the tank should, in most cases, provide sufficient light to illuminate any suspicious activity.
- Enclosing your tank in a building which can be secured is better still. However it is important not to overlook the importance of ventilation; advice should be sought from your oil company.
- If you have a gate keep it closed and locked when you are out.
- Make sure your perimeter fence is in good condition and is not easy to climb. Consider the use of trellis on top of any rear fencing to increase height.
- Invest in a good quality lock. Close shackle padlocks are recommended as they offer better resistance to bolt croppers and other tools that thieves usually come equipped with.
- Invest in an approved tank alarm.
- Check your oil gauges regularly to alert you to any potential thefts and help investigations by narrowing crime times down. Many tanks can be fitted with a gauge to monitor levels which can be read inside the house.



# First Principle: Related links

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## Ask the Police

Official Police Resource. The Ask the Police website provides you with information on a wide range of non-emergency policing matters.

[askthe.police.uk](http://askthe.police.uk)

## Secured by Design

Official UK Police initiative that combines the principles of 'designing out crime' with physical security.

[securedbydesign.com](http://securedbydesign.com)

## Sold Secure

Dedicated to reducing the risk of crime by assessment of security products.

<https://www.soldsecure.com/>

## Crimestoppers

An independent charity that gives people the power to speak up to stop crime 100% anonymously, by phone 0800 555 111 or online.

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

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Email: [nsvictimcare@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:nsvictimcare@victimsupport.org.uk)

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