

# Norfolk & Suffolk Crime Prevention

## Guidance Note

### Reducing the Risk of Ram Raids



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*Our Priority is You*

Businesses and residents in Norfolk and Suffolk can play a big part in helping to reduce the threat of Ram Raiding. In some areas recently there has been an increase in type of crime and we want people to remain vigilant to suspicious behaviour.

Recently in Eastern areas, a number of large agricultural and high-powered vehicles have been stolen which may suggest the potential for ram-raid type offences at ATM machines.

The locations targeted by this type of criminal are normally those situated in rural areas.

Businesses that have cash points on their premises should ensure that employees are aware of the risk and that they know to report any suspicious activity involving individuals or vehicles to police.

Farmers and those with agricultural machinery are also being urged to secure their vehicles at night and when not in use.

We need you to tell us if you see anything suspicious and to follow basic crime prevention advice.

**For Further Crime Prevention Advice:-**

**For Norfolk dial 101 and ask to speak to your local Architectural Liaison Officer (ALO)**

**For Suffolk dial 101 and ask to speak to your local Safer Neighbourhood Team**

## **Crime Prevention Advice**

- **Lock all windows and doors at the end of the working day.**
- **If you can, block any main access points from the road, i.e. with a parked vehicle where appropriate.**
- **If you have a car park, this should be secured at the end of the day if possible.**
- **If you do have an ATM machine ensure it is properly secured and in a position that is not easy to access. Ensure it is not close to any access points and make sure it is covered by CCTV.**
- **Ensure that your CCTV system is in full working order and that the camera lenses are not obscured by cobwebs or overgrown greenery.**
- **Make it obvious that CCTV is monitoring by displaying appropriate CCTV signs both internally and externally.**
- **We recommend the installation of anti-ram bollards. Although there may be cost implications initially this could be a lot less than the repair and recovery cost. Check first with your local authority as there may be planning restrictions. Bollards should be in accordance with the Secured By Design document “Commercial Developments 2015 v2”**
- **Ensure that your alarm is in full working order.**
- **Speak to any neighbouring properties; ensure they call the police if anything suspicious is seen.**

Call 101 if you think you can help

If you witness a crime in progress, always call 999.

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