

Norfolk & Suffolk Crime Prevention

Guidance Note

Security of Tradesmen's Vans



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Top Tips

- Prioritise security when buying your van
- Modify the van to your needs – Fit a quality tool chest with a Sold Secure padlock inside your van. – Fit weldmesh panels inside rear van windows & a weldmesh screen separating the passenger area from the rear of van, and a slide bolt to the upper part of the sliding side door.
- Use a 'Pedal Box Guard' to encase the pedals when the vehicle is not in use to help prevent theft of the van.
- Fit an On Board Diagnostic (OBD) safe device, a secure lockable device that fits over vehicle's OBD electronic port.
- Upgrade the security on your van – Fit an independent alarm, don't rely on the factory fitted alarm, that turns off when the vehicle is unlocked
- Catalytic converter – fit anti-theft device as generally vans are higher off the ground which makes it easier to steal these.
- Use your van locks and alarm.
- When locking your van if using a remote, physically check the van is locked by checking the door handle.

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- Don't leave valuables in your van – If you do it must have high security locks and an independent alarm fitted.
- Think about where you park - If staying at a hotel can you store your valuable tools with the hotel / park under good lighting and where there is CCTV coverage and is visible from hotel rooms.
- Keep a record of what's in your van – was it marked, is it identifiable, do you have a photograph of it? Ideally engrave or mark tools and their boxes with your post code and house number, and highlight the post code with a different coloured paint and register serial numbers free of charge on Immobilise.

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