

# YOUR TOOLS ARE AT RISK

**Thieves are currently targeting builder's & trades person's vans and tools.**



- **Keep your vehicle locked and your keys secure**
- **Park in a well-lit area and in clear view of your property and any CCTV cameras**
- **If possible, reverse park against a wall or fence so rear doors are inaccessible. If possible, park to protect side doors too**
- **Unload as many tools as you can from the van. It may seem like a chore but it's better than not being able to work tomorrow!**
- **Call 999 immediately if you see a crime in progress or any suspicious activity around trade vans. Note registration numbers of vehicles and descriptions of those involved**

***See reverse for more ways to secure your van and tools***

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

For more crime prevention advice, please email:  
[crimereduction@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:crimereduction@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk)



# Secure your van and tools

**Thieves are currently targeting trade vans parked overnight to steal tools. As your tools are your livelihood, losing them can cause far greater loss than their financial value.**

## **Things to do to make your van and tools secure...**

- Upgrade the security on your van and fit an independent alarm. Don't rely on the factory fitted alarm. Select one accredited by 'Thatcham' and always use it. **[www.thatcham.org](http://www.thatcham.org)**
- Fit additional locks on your van doors as some manufacturer's locks can be picked, which will also disable the alarm.
- Fit a quality tool chest in your van and secure it with a 'Sold Secure' padlock. **[www.soldsecure.com](http://www.soldsecure.com)**
- Mark your tools so they can easily be identified as belonging to you. Here are some suggestions how:
  - Use a security marking product such as Cremark or SmartWater
  - Engrave your name and phone number together with 'IF SOLD, CALL ME'
  - Spray paint your tools a bright colour such as hot pink. This literally makes them too hot to handle!
- Keep an up-to-date list of your tools, including photographs and serial numbers, registered on **[www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)** - the world's largest FREE register of possessions and their owners. This will help all UK police forces to trace owners if the property is recovered.
- Further security advice and products can be found at **[www.protectavan.co.uk](http://www.protectavan.co.uk)**