

Theft from vans-Devon

Police are receiving reports of thefts of tools and equipment from vans across the Devon area.

Although sporadic we get two or three incidents at a time suggesting the offenders are targeting an area then moving on elsewhere. The offender/s target works vans as often large amounts of tools and equipment are kept inside. All makes and models are vulnerable although recent crimes have involved Ford Transit vans.

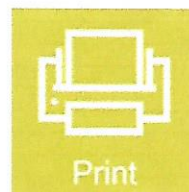
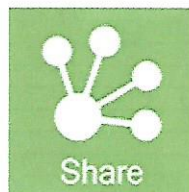
If your business or work requires you to keep tools in your van please consider upping your security especially when leaving the vehicle overnight. Whilst it's not always practical to remove everything out of the van, there are crime prevention options available such as property or DNA marking that can reduce the risk of your kit being stolen or increase the chances of it being recovered if it is. Google 'SelectaDNA' for more details.

If you have people working for you or at your property, please advise them of this risk to their vehicle and tools and for the need to be vigilant whilst on site. If you are offered tools for sale you suspect might be stolen, please contact us on 101 with any details you have. If you see anyone acting suspiciously around work sites or vehicles phone us immediately on 999 with any vehicle or descriptive details.

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