

Van security

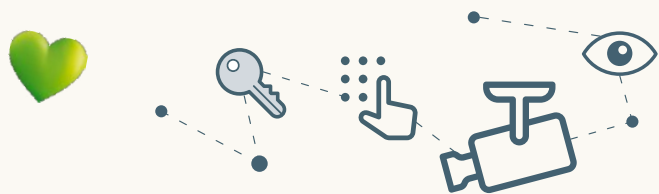
Reducing the risk of theft

In this current climate travel plans and priorities may change but the risk of theft remains the same.

Van theft is something no owner wants to go through so we've created a list of handy tips for you to secure your van during this time.



Here's what you can do to reduce the risk of van theft



- **Lock it up:** Always lock your van, security locks are a great way to give your van extra protection.
- **Get an alarm system:** Alarms are a good and efficient way to protect your van. Your alarm can scare off thieves and minimise the odds of your van being targeted in the first place.
- **Night time parking:** You should always park your van in a well-lit area and avoid poorly lit areas such as industrial estates and public car parks.
- **Day time parking:** Your van is equally vulnerable during day and night. Stay vigilant as thieves operate 24/7, if you're out and about, always try to park as close to the entrance as possible.
- **Partition the cab area:** Fitting a partition behind the passenger seats will add extra security to your van. This prevents people seeing the contents of your van. It also stops items being thrown to the front of the vehicle in case you have to break suddenly.
- **Satellite tracking:** You can get a device discreetly fitted into your van that transmits a signal which can be tracked. This gives you a much higher chance of getting your van back faster and in one piece if it's stolen.
- **Internal security box:** You should lock any expensive equipment in a secure storage box which is bolted to the floor of your van. This makes a speedy exit for thieves much more difficult.

- **External storage security:** Did you know that ladders are one of the most common items stolen from the roof of a van? Grab some lockable clamps to secure your ladder. Copper coils also go targeted; get some pipe tube carriers that can be attached to the roof for extra security.
- **Immobilisers:** A Thatcham-approved immobiliser stops your engine from running unless the correct key is used. If your van hasn't got one fitted as standard, consider getting one installed.
- **Empty your van overnight:** Emptying your van every night takes time and effort, but that doesn't compare to how much time (and money) you'd lose replacing all your equipment if it's stolen. Let criminals see that your van's empty by displaying 'no tools left in this van overnight' stickers on your rear doors.
- **Keep a record of van items:** Keeping a record of the items in your van and their value, really comes in handy should you ever need to make an insurance claim. You should also hold onto your receipts of any high value items.

