

FW: Recent Van Break-Ins 31/01/2018 08:24:29 [206511 Sending Confirmation]

We are urging local van owners and drivers to be alert following recent van break-ins. It is believed offenders are gaining entry for tools.

If you have been a victim or have information about these break-ins then please contact us on 101, you may have the one piece of the jigsaw we need to find these offenders.

Motorists are also advised to:

- Wipe away any visible marks left behind by a phone cradle or sat nav;
- Park in busy, well-lit areas, if possible covered by CCTV;
- If it is absolutely not possible to remove tools and valuables from the vehicle completely, make sure they are out of view from passers-by;
- Consider parking with the rear or side doors obstructed to make entry more difficult;
- Security mark all of your valuables to help make them easily identified and traceable. This also makes them less attractive to thieves;
- Take photographs of tools and equipment, and record the serial numbers as this can also help items to be traced back to their rightful owner;
- Consider fitting an alarm and boost security by installing additional Slamlocks or deadlocks independently of the manufacturers;
- Consider fitting Loading Door Keepers and Loom Guards to prevent thieves gaining entry by door peeling and wire cutting respectively;
- Remain alert and report any suspicious activity to police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

It is also a good idea to consider insuring your work tools. This is important because most standard van insurance policies do not cover loss of tools left in a van overnight. In fact, some policies state that you can't store tools in your van unless it meets certain security requirements. Don't get caught out.

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