



**DORSET
POLICE**

PROTECT YOUR TOOLS

Thieves looking for tools target a variety of locations, including work vans, building sites, homes and garages or storage.

Here are a few measures you can take to help protect your tools:

IF YOU KEEP YOUR TOOLS IN A VAN:

- Keep your vehicle locked at all times, even if unattended for a few minutes
- Assess your vehicle security – could you fit a PIR motion alarm in the rear of your van?
- Mark your tools and keep a record of them
- Park vans in well-lit areas and where possible, near CCTV cameras
- Remove valuable tools from your van overnight where possible and keep them somewhere secure

THEFT FROM BUILDING SITES:

- Remove the temptation – keep minimal materials on site where possible and hide them when not in use
- Assess your site security – could you install CCTV cameras?
- Lock the site gates and set the alarms
- Keep a well-lit site – it can act as a deterrent
- Speak to neighbours or the local Neighbourhood Watch – let them know you are working on the site and ask them to keep an eye out