



SECURED BY DESIGN SECURITY ADVICE GUIDE

Lorries & Goods Vehicles

Every year thousands of trucks and vans, along with their valuable loads are stolen in the UK, costing the owners and their insurers, hundreds of millions in insurance and lost business. These losses will negatively impact on local and international trade and potentially put some hauliers out of business. If your vehicle is carrying a load it is a target for crime. Drivers and owners should be aware of some simple measures to make you less likely to become a victim to this type of crime.



Top tips for lorries & goods vehicles security



Lock it, remove it, alarm it – when leaving your vehicle unattended, first remove valuable items and cash from view, lock it and take the keys with you or leave in a secure drawer or office at work.



When parking up with an empty trailer, consider leaving the doors open to deter potential opportunist criminals because they can clearly see nothing is stored within the trailer.



Always set the vehicle alarm and keep fuel tanks locked.



If parked in the workplace compound consider the introduction of monitored CCTV to protect your vehicle assets. If you do decide to use CCTV it is important to read the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) advice on Domestic CCTV systems.



Plan your journeys, have an itinerary, no hitchhikers – have a route planned, including lay-overs, so someone else knows where you are due to be.



Where possible use safe lorry parks, such as those that have been awarded the Park Mark Freight accreditation, or park where visible to passing traffic.



Avoid insecure locations like remote laybys and quiet industrial estates. Do not pick up strangers as you have no idea what their intentions are.



Lock your vehicle and check it – even when on the move, making deliveries or refuelling, keep your vehicle locked and the keys with you. Before you start off again, visually inspect your vehicle, has anything changed, if so why?

Consider using a steering wheel lock – or a lock that fits over the gear lever. Alternatively, a security box can be fitted over the pedals to prevent thefts when the vehicle is parked up.



For further advice about any of the security tips listed above, or to find out how to buy police recognised security products, visit www.securedbydesign.com