



# Warning:

## Commercial vehicles are being targeted by criminals

There has been a recent increase of commercial vehicle crime in this area involving theft of tools and equipment from unattended vans.

Vans are often used for work requirements and, as a result, transport a range of technical goods, tools and equipment. These items are often valuable and easily sold on by criminals.

To avoid property being stolen from your van ensure all valuable items such as tools are removed from the van overnight.



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# Protect your vehicle, secure tools and equipment.

## Please help us tackle this crime

Take steps to reduce the chances of your vehicle being targeted.

We need to know about any suspicious activity around parked vehicles. Please contact us with any information about what is happening in your area.

**Please call 101 to speak to your safer neighbourhood team.  
(Call 999 if you witness a crime in progress.)**

Contact the independent charity Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**  
or **[www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)** to report information anonymously.

For more information, please visit our websites:

**[www.warwickshire.police.uk](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk)**

**[www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)**

## Tips on how to protect your vehicle

- Park your vehicle in a secure area (in a garage or behind locked gates, if possible).
- If you park it on a driveway, consider installing motion activated lighting and CCTV. Otherwise, park in a well lit, populated area.
- Where possible, empty your vehicle every night and lock your equipment away in a secure place.
- Forensic security marking kits are available to mark your property and parts on your vehicle. 'High clearance' vehicles are common targets for catalytic converter theft. Mark yours to deter thieves.
- Fit vehicle security equipment within your vehicle.
- Use high visibility signage to deter thieves but stating that no valuables are stored in the van overnight.
- Be aware of people acting suspiciously nearby.