



Tips to help keep your van safer and secure

The impact of having your tools stolen and your van broken into can be devastating. Taking security precautions helps provide peace of mind, security and convenience to tradespeople to protect their work vans and tools. Following these tips can give you the best chance of avoiding van and tool theft. For more information, visit ring.com/vanandtooltheft



1. Hide all keys and fobs

Thieves can use keys and fobs to break into or even steal a van. Aim to keep any keys out of sight of windows or doors and securely stored away from visible areas.



2. Don't leave valuables on show

Before you lock your van, always remember to remove any personal items, such as mobile phones, bags, clothes and keys. Remove tools from your van when left overnight too and store them in a safe place.



3. Lock van doors and close all windows

It only takes seconds for a thief to open an unlocked van and steal the contents. Always lock your doors and windows, even if you are only away from your vehicle for a minute or two.



4. Park your van in a garage or secure lock-up

If possible, always store your van in a garage overnight to keep it out of sight of opportunistic thieves.



5. Park smart

Aim to park your van with the rear or side van doors against a wall and in a busy, well-lit area.



6. Install a tracker

A GPS tracker will be activated once a van is stolen. It will track the movement of your van and help you, or the police, to recover your vehicle.



7. Fit a slam lock

Use physical security to deter thieves by fitting a slam lock onto your work van. A slam lock automatically fastens when a van door is slammed shut.



8. Security mark tools

Once tools are stolen, it can be challenging to recover them. Security mark your tools using either an etching kit or forensic asset-marking kit to help identify your stolen goods. Your tools can also be registered on approved tool and asset databases to help the police identify and return stolen property.



9. Install smart security

Deter thieves by installing smart home security devices. Ring [Video Doorbells](#) and [Security Cameras](#) stream live HD video and two-way audio straight to your smartphone, tablet and PC, allowing you to watch over your home and answer the door from anywhere. In addition, consider getting a [Ring Alarm](#) system so you get real-time alerts to your phone the moment motion is detected.

10. Install vehicle alarm systems

To provide extra peace of mind, protect your front driveway with an outdoor cam that lets you see, hear and speak to anyone on your property from your phone, tablet and PC. Consider fitting a [Ring Floodlight Cam Wired Plus](#), that features a remote-activated security siren and LED floodlights for protection when you need it, and extra visibility at night. As part of Ring's aim to boost van and tool theft awareness, Ring has an exclusive offer to secure your work tools and company vans for security that never sleeps. [Click here to discover more.](#)

