

BUSINESSES: KEEPING METAL SAFE



METAL THEFT



Relentless on metal theft



- Commercial properties should consider extra security measures like photoelectric (dusk 'til dawn) sensor security lights, CCTV and alarms.
 - Don't leave metal, scrap, copper piping or batteries on display. Make sure they're stored out of sight and locked away. Use lockable skips.
 - Remove or lock away items that thieves could use to climb on to the roof such as ladders, piles of pallets and recycling bins.
 - Lock equipment, tools or materials in sea containers if they need to be stored away from buildings.
 - Cut back any vegetation that might shield a thief from view and trees that could be used for climbing.
 - Make it difficult for thieves to get access to your property – keep fences in good condition, restrict access, keep gates shut when not in use and locked overnight.
 - Lock away items like trailers that opportunist thieves could use to transport stolen metal and restrict vehicle access at night.
 - Mark your property using forensic marking fluids or use a hammer and set of punches for heavier metal items.
 - If you see vehicles or people behaving suspiciously, or individuals who seem to be loitering or out of place – call us on 101 or 999.
- Please note: you're now required to take photo ID and proof of address when you sell metal at a scrap dealer in this area. Due to changes in the law you'll also be paid either by cheque or electronic bank transfer. Cash transactions became illegal from December 2012.
- Please let us know if you're not asked to provide ID or you're offered cash for your metal.
- Please also let us know if you're approached by anyone offering cash for scrap metal away from metal yards. You can either call 101 or email us through the website www.avonandsomerset.police.uk
- Alternatively, you can call the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. They never ask your name or trace your call.

Reporting a crime? Call 101 or 999
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0800 555 111
Call anonymously with information about crime