



Safer
Stronger Neighbourhoods



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Secured By Design at www.securedbydesign.com

Sold Secure at www.soldsecure.com

The Crime Reduction page at
www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

alternatively visit your local police station for further information.

It should be noted that some oil storage containers are plastic and some are metal – so any security measures which directly affect the tank or pipe work should always be installed in consultation with the tank supplier.

We need your help.

Please report any non-urgent information on suspicious incidents by calling

0845 456 7000

or speaking to your local Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator.
Alternatively email Avon & Somerset Constabulary Safer, Stronger Neighbourhood Team on

SSNSOUTHSOMERSETEAST@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Crime Stoppers **0800 555 111**



A guide to keeping
your fuel safe

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Making the communities of Avon and Somerset feel safe and be safe

Tips for Vehicles

- Secure vehicles in garage where possible
- Consider the use of locking fuel caps
- Re-fuel vehicles just before the planned journey rather than leaving a vehicle fully fuelled overnight
- Park vehicles in areas that are well lit so they can be observed easily
- Use secure parking areas or compounds when vehicles are parked overnight
- Consider the use of alarms. This could be on the vehicles themselves or for the perimeter of the parking/storage area.
- Improve lighting and focus on vulnerable areas
- Fit anti-siphoning devices
- Install or confirm existing CCTV is fit for purpose
- Install cages and/or improve security that surrounds fuel storage tanks
- Consider the deployment of fuel dyes
- Commercial companies may like to consider fuel cards rather than storing fuel
- Use defensive parking techniques
- Remove portable storage from site (barrels & drums etc) or make them secure

Consider installing fuel cap alarms - wireless transmitters can be placed inside the screw cap of the fuel tank. A magnetic switch on the device sets off an alarm if the cap is opened or tampered with. More advanced systems can be linked to security lighting or send a text message to the farmer, landowner, householder or their security provider. An isolation switch allows authorised access to the tank for refuelling.

Tips for Oil Storage Tanks

- Consider using 'bunded' (double skinned tanks) fuel tanks if your existing storage facility is not of that type
- Install security lighting to protect the area around the tank as most offences take place overnight
- If possible site the tank so that it is visible from the house and as far away from roads, paths and other public access routes as possible
- Make unauthorised access as difficult as possible by installing cages and/or by improving security that surrounds fuel storage tanks and the feed pipes to the house; also consider using fencing or strategic planting
Always discuss access with your fuel provider before making any changes
- A remote oil level gauge situated in the house will give warning of any sudden drop in oil level by sounding an alarm
- Conceal or cover any external pipes and fuel lines
- Consider installing a tank alarm
- Join a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
- Report any suspect activity to the police straight away. Regularly check your fuel levels, sensors which monitor levels from inside the home are available