



METROPOLITAN
POLICE



SURVEYING EQUIPMENT

THEFT PREVENTION ADVICE

Theft of surveying equipment is a major problem for those in the industry, costing millions of pounds each year and causing delays for companies. There are a number of steps you can take to reduce the chances of this theft occurring. Even a job located inside an enclosed building site can provide a false sense of security, so it is important to remain vigilant.

Additional physical security advice can be found at www.securedbydesign.com.

PREVENTION ADVICE

OBSERVE

- Pay attention to your surroundings - is anyone paying attention to you, your vehicle or your business premises?
- Is there anyone paying undue attention to your job location?
- Make a note of vehicle registrations and/or person descriptions.
- Be careful when setting up on site. Try not to set up where a vehicle or moped can pull up and snatch the device.

STAY

- Keep an eye on your equipment at all times. If possible work with another colleague present.
- If you need to stop your vehicle on your travels, ensure someone stays with the vehicle or try to keep it under close observation.
- When you are on site, stay with your equipment at all times - preferably no more than a few steps away.

SECURE

- Use a locking device to secure your equipment on site and always use the manufacturer's automated or remote locking system, if available.
- When storing a device in your vehicle, ensure it is out of sight and securely fixed within the vehicle.
- Ensure the device is forensically marked or tagged, fitted with a GPS tracker and always use the PIN code locking system, if present.
- Any device fitted with a GPS tracker or forensically marked should be clearly labelled to show this to act as a further deterrent to thieves

When storing your device consider the following;

- Devices should be locked in a standalone storage unit, within a secure room, on your premises. Standalone storage units should be to the standard of LPS 1175 SR2
- Alternately, secure with two points of locking to a Sold Secure Gold ground anchor and chain, within a secure room.
- Any secure room or store should be internal to the main building. Doors to the room should be to one of the following standards - LPS 1175 SR2 or STS 202 BR2. The walls around the storage must be robust & resistant to manual attack or damage.
- Install a CCTV system. For advice and approved suppliers of CCTV visit the [National Security Inspectorate](#) and the [Security Systems and Alarms Inspection Board](#).

999 OR 101?

Dial 999 when there is;

A danger to life

Serious injury to person(s) or violence is being used / threatened.

Serious damage to property:

A crime is (or likely to be) serious and still in progress.

Dial 101 when;

You need to report crime or have other concerns that do not require an emergency response

SERIAL NUMBERS:

- If purchasing a used piece of equipment, request & check the serial number with the manufacturer.
- Report thefts to the manufacturer with the device serial number for flagging on their global database. This makes it harder to sell as it cannot be legitimately serviced or parts purchased.