



Metal Theft

Metal theft is on the increase in the Worthing and Adur district and we need your assistance to keep it down. The theft of metal is seeing a significant rise nationally and although we are not suffering the same level of theft as other areas we have seen a significant increase over the past two years. Lead and copper are the most common metals stolen. Worthing and Adur police have formed a local action team to tackle this issue. Please help us tackle metal theft by carrying out the following simple tasks.

- 1/ Where possible please do not leave metal out overnight. This includes copper piping/cable and batteries.
- 2/ If scrap metal is to be collected please consider if you can increase how often the metal is collected to avoid it being left outside for a long period.
- 3/ If scrap metal is placed in a large wheelie bin please ensure the bin locking system is fully functioning.
- 4/ Please report any suspicious activity around your business, if a vehicle is involved please try and obtain the registration number of the vehicle.
- 5/ If you have valuable metal items please consider using Smart water or a similar security marking system so that the property can be traced in the future.
- 6/ If you have internal doors that lead to the roof please ensure these are locked overnight. Lead being stolen from roofs is one area that is seeing an increase in offences.
- 7/ Commercial premises should consider additional security measures such as PIR sensor lighting, CCTV and alarms.
- 8/ If you do suffer a theft please report it via Sussex.police.uk or call 101 to report the incident. We will check with scrap metal yards to see if anyone has attempted to sell the item.
- 9/ Please ensure any CCTV systems are working correctly.

Thank you

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