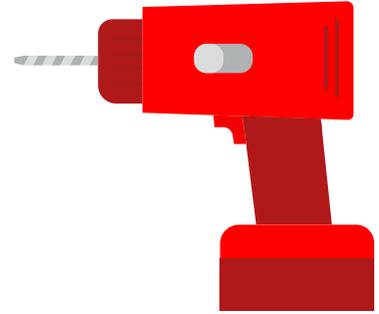


Top tips for securing tools, gear and equipment

Theft of your tools and equipment can be crippling for many small businesses – and sadly it’s a lot more common than you might think. Naturally, you should have strong insurance cover in place to help. But there are also lots of simple preventative steps you can take.



Make your mark

Engraving something like your name or drivers licence number on your gear is a great way to deter thieves. And, if it is stolen and recovered by police, the chances of you getting it back are a lot higher.

Discover data dots

Another method of marking your tools is data dots. These are microscopic markings that are set in a binding agent and can be sprayed onto tools and equipment. Each dot has a unique identifier that the police can access if property is recovered.

Keep your serial numbers safe

Write down and keep safe all the serial numbers on our tools and equipment. This info is gold to police and can help with any recovery.

Park smart

Park your vehicle in a garage wherever possible, behind a gate or fence, or even in a well-lit spot. Thieves will try and take the easy way every time – so don’t make it easy for them.

Keep an eye out

Sometimes remaining vigilant is as simple as reporting any suspicious activity to your manager, site foreman or even the police.

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