

# HOUSEHOLDERS: KEEPING METAL SAFE

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METAL THEFT



# Relentless on metal theft



- Don't leave metal, like materials for DIY projects (copper piping, batteries, etc) on display. Make sure they're locked away and stored out of sight.
- Make it difficult for thieves to get into your property – keep fences in good condition, restrict access through side passages and keep gates shut when not in use and locked overnight.
- Fit photoelectric (dusk 'til dawn) security lights around your property.
- Cut back any vegetation that might shield a thief from view and trees that could be used for climbing.
- Mark your property using ultra-violet pens, forensic marking fluids or use a hammer and set of punches for heavier metal items.
- Ask neighbours to report anyone suspicious near your house and do the same for them. Join a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.
- If you see vehicles or people behaving suspiciously or loitering, call us on 101 or your local Neighbourhood Watch or Farm Watch scheme. Alternatively call 999 if you think a crime is in progress.

- 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 away from metal yards. You can contact us by calling either 101 or emailing us through the website [www.avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://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