



Nottinghamshire Police

# Crime Prevention

Advice

## Keeping your caravan secure

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## When you caravan is out of use

- Caravans left on sites, compounds and even on your driveway are targets for thieves
- Immobilise your caravan using quality wheel clamps or a security post fitted near the front of the 'A' frame and the main body (or both)
- Remove all your personal belongings
- Leave cupboard doors and curtains open, thieves can be put off by a caravan that's obviously empty

## Store your caravan securely

- Choose a site operated by the Caravan Storage site Owners Association (CaSSOA)
- Check to see if it offers good security measures for example secure posts to which your caravan can be hitch-locked, ground anchors, security staff or CCTV
- Remember if you can enter the storage area and remove your caravan without being approached, then so can a thief

## Devices for securing your caravan

- Locking the coupling head into a cover using a good quality hitch lock
- Use locking wheel nuts and a good quality clamp on the caravan wheels
- Chain your caravan to a robust and secure point
- Install a reliable alarm system (GSM) and tracking device

# Protect your caravan and belongings

- Ensure you close and lock your doors, windows and roof lights when you leave your caravan
- Don't leave anything valuable on display, laptops etc
- Consider security marking any valuables
- Never leave Caravan Registration and identification documents (CRis) in your caravan

# Buying a caravan

- Check that the chassis number hasn't been removed or altered
- Before buying privately, consider checking the caravans history on CRiS
- Check all the keys are available and correct
- Check the number plate is the same as the one on the tow vehicle. Be wary if temporary or handwritten number plates are used
- Always ask about built in security features such as an alarm or tracking device, caravan safe, hitch-lock or wheel clamps

## FACTS:

Caravans manufactured since 1992 by the National Caravan Council members are recorded on the CRiS database by their unique 17 digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) The 17 digit vehicle identification document (VIN) should be stamped onto the caravan chassis and etched on the windows.

Even if you own a pre-1992 caravan, or imported your own caravan into the UK, you can still register it with CRiS yourself.

All caravans manufactures since August 1997 are electronically tagged for added security

# PROTECT REGISTER IT

Register your property for FREE and improve your chance of getting it back if it is lost or stolen

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