

Security Advice to

DRIVERS

There have been a number of high value thefts from LGVs and it continues to be a problem not only in Dumfries and Galloway but across the UK.

It is our intention to stop these thefts and to prevent further occurrences in future.

By following the simple advice contained in this leaflet **you** should be able to reduce the likelihood of **you** or **your** vehicle becoming a victim of crime.

■ **Stick to pre-arranged routes** which are randomly varied so that you don't take your breaks at the same place all the time. Where two vehicles are doing the same journey, they should be routed similarly so that both drivers can watch out for each other.

■ **Use a variety of busy cafes/service stations** for your stopovers, and if possible, park your vehicle within your sight while you eat.

■ **Avoid talking about loads** with other drivers and customers.

■ Try to **park in secure well-lit** reputable overnight **lorry parks** if your rest stops can be planned this way.

- At overnight stops
 - **Container trailers**
Park with the rear doors of your vehicle or its trailer / container **hard up against another vehicle**, so that one of the vehicles has to be moved before either rear door can be attacked.
 - **Curtain side vehicles**
Park close to an adjacent LGV to prevent your curtain side being slashed

■ **Never pick up any passengers.**

■ When you leave your vehicle, **always lock it up and set any alarms**. Always take the keys with you and never leave them in the cab when it's unattended. Load-carrying compartment keys should always be on the same ring as the ignition key. This way you keep the ignition key with you when you leave the cab to open up the load compartment.

■ **Check vehicle security** when parking up and also on return to the vehicle.

■ **Protect documents** such as shipping orders and consignment notes. If these are stolen, thieves can use them as authority to pick up valuable loads.



If you have any information
about any crime call –

Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary on
01387 252112

or call Crimestoppers free on
0800 555 111



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