

Crime prevention advice for **Fuel**

Tips to consider

- Secure vehicles in garage where possible.
- Consider the use of a locking fuel cap.
- Re-fuel vehicles just before the planned journey rather than leaving a vehicle fully fuelled overnight.
- Park vehicles in areas that are well lit so they can be observed easily.
- Use secure parking areas or compounds when vehicles are parked overnight, in particular vehicles not parked at their operating base.
- Consider the use of alarms. This could be on the vehicles themselves or for the perimeter of the parking/storage area.
- Improve lighting and focus on vulnerable areas.
- Fit anti-siphoning devices.
- Install or confirm existing CCTV is fit for purpose, and train a camera on tanks and vulnerable vehicles.
- Install cages and/or improve security that surrounds fuel storage tanks.
- Consider using 'bundled' fuel tanks if your existing storage facility is not of that type.
- Consider the deployment of fuel dyes.
- Commercial companies may like to consider fuel cards rather than storing fuel.
- Use defensive parking techniques, wherever possible park vehicle against solid objects on the fuel tank side to prevent access.
- Remove portable storage from site (barrels & drums etc) or make them secure.
- Consider installing fuel cap alarms – wireless transmitters can be placed inside the screw cap of the fuel tank. A magnetic switch on the device sets off an alarm if the cap is opened or tampered with. More advanced systems can be linked to security lighting or send a text message to the farmer, landowner, householder or their security provider. An isolation switch allows authorised access to the tank for refuelling.
- Make sure gates and compounds are locked and secure, consider fitting an anti attack cover for the lock.
- Do not leave keys in or near a vehicle or easily able to be found to facilitate the theft.
- Arrange for checks of vehicles and premises outside of normal working hours.
- Agricultural sites should consider portable refuelling systems that can be locked in secure storage areas and not left in fields or stockyards.

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