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Tackling Metal Theft

Workshop 1

Prevention and deterrence

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Agenda

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- Workshop aims
- Ten principles of crime reduction
- Metal theft prevention advice
- Pol-PRIMETT website – EU Good Practice Guide
- Presentations from other workshop members
- Discussion
- Agree actions for future activities



Workshop aims

- Identify and share good practice regarding the prevention and deterrence of metal thieves from across the EU which can be included in PoI-PRIMETT's EU Good Practice Guide
- Develop local, national and transnational public and private sector partnerships which tackle metal theft
- Identify key areas for PoI-PRIMETT future activities



Ten principles of crime reduction

- Target hardening - make metal less available to criminals
- Target removal - remove susceptible metal
- Remove the means to commit crime - ensure that anything that can be used to commit a crime is not easily available
- Reduce the scale of loss or lower the resale value
- Access control - reduce the access into vulnerable areas



Ten principles of crime reduction

- Enable areas to be seen or monitored clearly
- Use the design of a building/area to reduce the chance of crime being committed
- Introduce levels of acceptable behaviour and ways to achieve this
- Increase the risk of being caught in order to reduce the chance of crime being committed
- Divert offenders from criminal activities

Each business will not necessarily utilise all ten principles

Each one will have its solution tailor-made to suit the circumstances and location



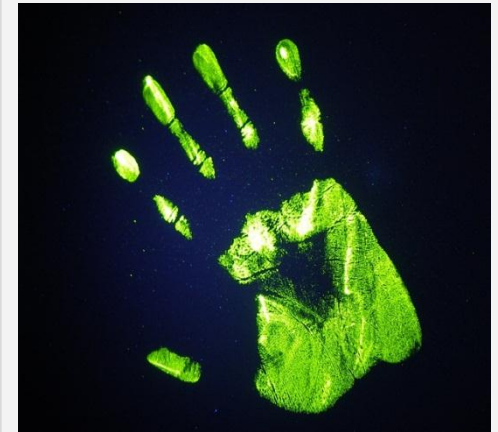
Metal theft prevention advice



Ensure all metal is stored securely



Install security lighting, CCTV, alarm systems and fencing



Security mark metal with forensic tagging products



Use alternative materials to copper



Metal theft prevention advice



Keep gates locked and restrict vehicle access



Avoid leaving climbing aids which provide access to roofs



Use anti-climb paint which is difficult for thieves to remove

Theft of metal from vehicles

- Keep vehicles in garages or secure compounds overnight
- Park in well-lit areas or areas covered by CCTV
- Ensure vehicles are locked and secure with nothing on display
- Remove all metals and cabling when vehicles are unattended overnight



Catalytic converter theft

Catalytic converters contain precious metals making them a target for thieves. Transit vans and flat bed vehicles are particularly targeted because of the high chassis.

- Security mark and register the metal shell of catalytic converters to make it easier to trace if stolen
- Fit catalytic converter clamps or security cages
- Keep vehicles in a garage whenever possible or park in busy, well-lit areas



Lead theft prevention advice



Cover lead in silver paint making it less attractive to thieves



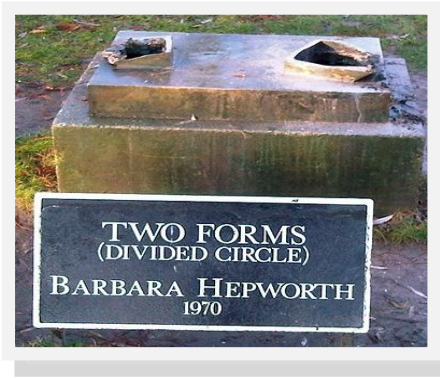
Check roofs so theft is discovered early before causing further damage



Replace lead with a substitute material when repairing damage



- Establish who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep
- Position both private and public CCTV cameras on the target site
- Regularly inspect and patrol target sites noting any unusual incidents
- Produce a description of the items including location, photographs and inscriptions



- Encourage the community to monitor sites and report suspicious activity to the police
- Request local Police Officers to patrol the sites
- Erect signage to raise community awareness



Case studies and good practice

Awareness raising campaigns

Case studies

EU Good Practice Guide

Police-private partnerships

Country

Expert User Group (EUG) and Annual Conference

Media

Research

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EU Good Practice Guide

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At the 4th PoI-PRIMETT Expert User Group meeting in Sofia, Bulgaria, Detective Superintendent John McBride, British Transport Police chaired a workshop designed to develop an EU Good Practice Guide.

This section of the website collates examples of good practice which have been identified following this workshop.



Agreement between the French Home Office and FEDEREC

Impact statements

Metal Theft Toolkits

UK Good Practice Guide on Metal Theft for Police

RAILPOL Copper e-

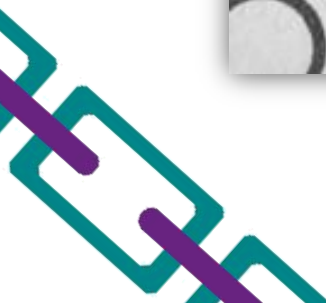
Metal theft



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Agree future actions

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