



TRUCK CRIME PREVENTION TOP 10 TIPS

TONY ALLEN'S TOP TEN SECURITY TIPS FOR TRUCK DRIVERS

1. Never leave a vehicle unattended with the keys in the cab – not even for a second.
2. If asked to re-deliver at a delivery address, always check with the traffic office and do not budge until it is confirmed – however plausible the reason may be.
3. Always park overnight at 'approved' locations. Do not park outside delivery addresses or industrial estates.
4. Always drive with the doors locked to avoid attempts by thieves to enter your vehicle when you are stationary.
5. Beware of bogus distractions. Some may be genuine, but there are many reports of drivers being stopped by 'other drivers' for alleged punctures or accidents. Once stopped the vehicle and the load are at heightened risk.
6. If you have a 'Vulnerable Load' sign, use it as appropriate.
7. No careless talk. Your load is valuable – keep it to yourselves and deliver the load safely.
8. If offenders are disturbed whilst stealing from the load, do not leave the cab. Ensure that the doors are locked, start the engine, switch on the lights and if necessary sound the vehicle's horn to attract attention.
9. Always ensure that the seals on your load are in place and not tampered with before you commence your journey. If you have a container load ensure that there is a container clamp fitted to deter pilferage when stationary.
10. Always be alert. Most thieves are opportunists – *don't give them a chance or they'll take it!*