

Alarms & CCTV



Make sure your home insurance policy covers you for oil thefts.

Buy a British standard alarm and monitor for your fuel/oil tank. By purchasing a remote electronic oil level gauge alarm it will automatically set off an audible alarm inside your property if the oil level in the tank suddenly drops or falls below a certain level.

Alarms can be bought for under £100 and therefore can work out less expensive than the excess on your insurance

Remember when buying alarms, CCTV, locks or any security devices, the better the quality the longer it will last.

If you require this information in large print or any other format, please contact us on 01732 227000

The Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership brings together all of the agencies in the District who can have an impact on crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.

The partnership includes Kent Police, Sevenoaks District Council, Kent Fire & Rescue Service as well as other statutory and voluntary organisations.

Useful Numbers

Sevenoaks District Council

01732 227000

Community Safety unit (CSU)

01732 227000

To report a crime that is not in progress or for any other non-urgent Police matters

101

For Emergency Police Response

999

For any other community safety advice go to www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/publicsafety or e-mail community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk



Who is watching your oil?



**Council Police & Partners
working together for a safer
Sevenoaks District**

With the spiralling cost of fuel oil, the theft of this commodity is becoming more attractive to potential offenders.

This leaflet gives advice to householders, farmers and businesses who have heating or fuel oil such as diesel stored in external tanks.

Improving security

The following advice may help improve security of your supply:

The location of storage tanks can be a critical factor

Ideally they should be situated within sight of your home, office or business while at the same time being difficult to see by the general public.

Keeping the gates to your yard or driveway closed and securely locked could prevent a theft.

Ensure gates and fences are in good repair. If not protected by a fence, consider this as an option.

Install lockable caps with crop proof padlocks/fittings and where possible provide vulnerable fuel hoses with hardened/flexible casing so that they are harder to cut.

Improving security continued



Plant hostile (thorny) shrubs around your tank, e.g. pyrocanthia, berberis, ilex or even gooseberry.

Businesses are advised not to park lorries overnight with full tanks. It is worth giving thought to where lorries are parked and the accessibility of the tanks.

Let your neighbours know when you are expecting a delivery of fuel/oil and ask them to report any suspicious activity to Police straight away.

Security lights can help deter potential thieves. Low energy bulbs should provide sufficient light.

Neighbourhood Watch & Country Eye

If a Neighbourhood Watch scheme operates in your area, why not join it? If there is no Neighbourhood Watch in your area, why not start one? You will find further details at www.wknwa.org

Country Eye is a partnership between the rural community, Kent Police and Neighbourhood Watch.

The aim of the partnership is to help reduce crime and the fear of crime by involving all members of the community and protecting those who are most vulnerable.

Membership is open to people living and working in rural areas. More information is available at www.kent.police.uk/countryeye

To receive regular information regarding what's happening in your area, as well as further advice about crime prevention, register with West Kent Watch at www.westkentwatch.com

www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/publicsafety

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