

TRADESPEOPLE AGAINST TOOL THEFT

an On The Tools white paper



CRIME

94% of all stolen tools are never recovered.

39% of tools were stolen by breaking into tradespeople's vans outside their homes.

18% of UK tradespeople had their tools stolen from the South East.



TRADES

78% of UK tradespeople have had their tools stolen.

Self-employed tradespeople are 38% more likely to have tools stolen than employed tradespeople.

30% of UK carpenters have had their tools stolen four times or more.



IMPACT

68% of UK tradespeople worry about tool theft daily.

66% of self-employed tradespeople agreed that tool theft had a 'strong impact' on their mental health.

58% of UK tradespeople say it's very likely for the cost of living crisis to increase tool theft rates.



SUPPORT

83% of UK tradespeople did not have tools insurance.

81% of UK tradespeople were unsatisfied with the support received from the police.

73% of UK tradespeople say tool theft should carry a harsher penalty.

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