



West Mercia Horse Watch

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Horse Tack Theft

Horse tack thefts remain relatively rare. However, when they do take place, they occur in spates.

West Mercia Police is urging people to be alert and take some simple steps to significantly reduce the chances of your tack being targeted by thieves:

- **Store property in a secure building.** Use a strong, locked door, ideally fitted with British Standard locks, quality locking bars and high security padlocks.
- **Lock buildings up when not in use.**
- **Consider fitting an intruder alarm.** Ensure your property is well covered with security lighting. Thieves don't like well lit areas so fit lights with timers or movement sensors.
- **Protect windows with metal bars.** If possible, keep valuable items locked in a building close to your house where you can keep an eye on them.
- **Security mark your property.** Marking valuable items makes it more difficult for thieves to sell them on and helps the police return them to you if they are stolen and subsequently found. Information about security marking can be found on the force website.
- **Photograph items** for a permanent record.

Property Record

Make a note of your horse tack details and keep with your records

Item description	Distinguishing feature/marks	Security marking details	Other information (size/make/colour)

Contact...

Communities can play an active role in the fight against crime by providing us with valuable information about what is happening in their area. You can contact us by:

Speaking to your local policing team 300 333 3000

Email HorseWatch@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Report information to Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

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