

HEATING OIL SECURITY



FIRST PRINCIPLE

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Top Tips

Keep your tank visible

Provide lighting around
your tank

If your tank is fenced in
make sure the fence and
any gates are secure

Check your oil gauges
regularly

Invest in an approved tank
alarm

PREVENT CRIME

PROTECT COMMUNITIES



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Oil is a prime target for thieves.

**Take the following steps to
secure your heating oil.**

Keep your tank in a well overlooked position – this will ensure thieves are more likely to be seen.

- If your tank is close to your house make sure that it can be seen from your windows – this coupled with lighting will make it less of a target.
- Security lights can help deter potential thieves. Low level 'dusk 'til dawn' lights positioned close to the tank should, in most cases, provide sufficient light to illuminate any suspicious activity.
- Enclosing your tank in a building which can be secured is better still. However, it is important not to overlook the importance of ventilation; advice should be sought from your oil company.
- If you have a gate keep it closed and locked when you are out.

- Make sure your perimeter fence is in good condition and is not easy to climb. Consider the use of trellis on top of any rear fencing to increase height.
- Invest in a good quality lock. Close shackle padlocks are recommended as they offer better resistance to bolt croppers and other tools that thieves usually come equipped with.
- Invest in an approved tank alarm.
- Check your oil gauges regularly to alert you to any potential thefts and help investigations by narrowing crime times down. Many tanks can be fitted with a gauge to monitor levels which can be read inside the house.



First Principle: Related links

Check out all of our Crime Prevention information using the following links or by using the QR code to take you to the First Principle Pages Alternatively go to our website at <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/> and look in the 1st Principle A-Z of Crime Prevention.

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Building Site Security
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County Lines Advice
for Landlords
Cyber Crime
Cycle Security
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Dog Theft
Domestic CCTV
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Occupiers Liability
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