

Allotments and Sheds

Many allotment sites and sheds suffer from vandalism and Theft, following a few simple but effective steps may act as a deterrent and protect your property.

It is known that most Arson attacks involving Sheds and Allotments sites are started using fuel sourced from braking into a shed. Arsons on Allotment sites are normally opportunistic. The potential Arsonist locates the Fuel in the Shed and starts the Fire in order to prevent this please follow these simple steps.



Safety Precautions	Y/N
DO NOT store Flammable Liquids in your Shed this includes Cooking fuel ie Gas Cylinders.	
DO NOT Store ignition sources ie Matches lighters in your shed	
Designate an area for Rubbish bins and Skips which is at least 10 metres away from building's	
Reduce the amount of Rubbish stored on site by organising regular removal by the disposal agency	
Keep any undergrowth on waste or derelict land bordering your property under control	
Regularly inspect unoccupied buildings/sheds and Storage areas and remove any combustible material	
If the burning of Waste is allowed on Site then ensure that this is supervised at all times and fully extinguished prior to leaving it	
Security Precautions	Y/N
Encourage all allotment owners to be extra vigilant and to report suspicious behaviour	
Make sure the door and the structure are solid and replace any rotten areas	
A secure Padlock with hasps and door hinges with threaded coach bolts or backing plates to prevent the bolts being pulled through	
Replace broken glass panes with laminated glass. Fir windows with a grille fixed to steel plates. Adhesive film could be used on the windows preventing people seeing the contents of your shed	
Fit a battery operated alarm, these can be purchased quire cheaply from DIY stores	
Visibly MARK your tools and advertise the fact that you have done so. Examples would be SMARTWATER, or more simply painting or etching your tools with your postcode	
DO NOT leave valuable power tools in your shed	
If an electrical supply is available fit lights these are a cheap and effective crime prevention measure	
Make sure any fences are in good repair; these deter trespassers and make escape routes more difficult. Don't build them over 4ft as they provide cover and hidden areas for Anti Social behaviour	
Get to know your neighbours and fellow allotment keepers and support each other, exchange details so that let each other know about any issues on the site or in the area	
Know who your local Police Neighbourhood team are and how to contact them. Visit the Leicestershire Police web site www.leics.police.uk	

ARSON IS A CRIME! REPORT IT!

Report arsonists in complete confidence and anonymity to Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111** or telephone Leicestershire Police on **101**

