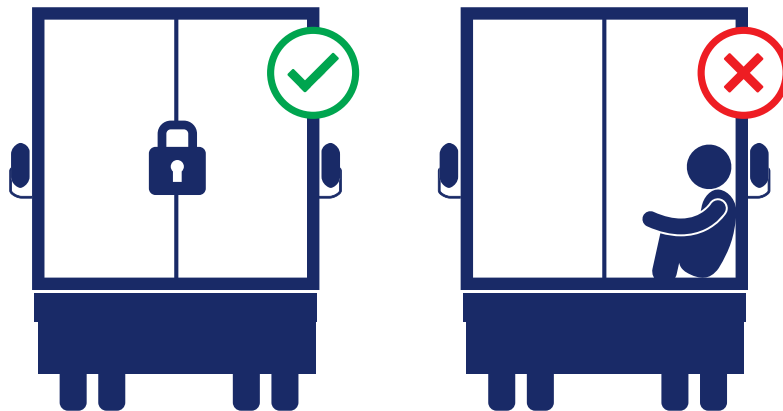




Is your vehicle secure when you travel to and from the UK?



Please follow our ten steps to keeping your vehicle secure on your travels.

This advice has been produced for commercial vehicle drivers who transport freight across UK borders. Please take time to read the advice so you are aware of the potential threats to your vehicle and how you can reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime.

Failing to secure your vehicle may put you at risk of being fined £2,000 for every person found and your vehicle may also be detained.

Visit [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) and search 'Civil Penalty Accreditation Scheme' for more information about how you and the company you work for can reduce the risks of fines.

Ten steps to keep your vehicle secure on your travels

Follow these ten steps to ensure your vehicle is secure and reduce your chances of being fined £2,000 for every person found hidden in your vehicle.



Before you start your journey

1. Obtain written instructions on vehicle security and a checklist from your employer.
2. Watch the vehicle being loaded to ensure no unauthorised individuals or goods enter the vehicle.
3. Check the fabric of the vehicle (bodywork, roof, canvas) and note any damage on the checklist.



Immediately after loading

4. **For hard-sided vehicles:** Lock the integral doors and secure with a padlock.

For soft-sided vehicles: Lock the integral doors and secure with a padlock. Apply a good quality tilt cord, secured with a robust padlock or a unique seal. Note the seal number on the checklist.



After every stop during your journey

5. Always use secure overnight commercial vehicle parks.
6. Never pick up passengers you don't know.
7. Lock your vehicle and trailer when you leave it, taking your keys with you.



8. Check the fabric, roof and security of the vehicle:

- Physically pull the security devices to check they are intact.
- Check the panniers, wind deflector and axles for any damage.
- Check security devices haven't been tampered with.
- If there is evidence of damage, tampering or unauthorised access, check the load and load-space, and re-apply security devices.

If you suspect that someone has entered your vehicle without your permission, you should alert the police immediately by calling 112 in Europe or 999 in the UK.

9. Record the checks you have made and any evidence you may find.



Before you enter the United Kingdom control zone

10. Repeat step 8-9.



Report it

If you suspect that someone is in your vehicle without your permission, you should alert the police immediately call 112 in Europe or 999 in the UK. For your own safety, please do not approach anyone hiding in the vehicle.

A person found guilty of deliberately smuggling people into the UK may face up to 14 years in prison and a fine of up to £10,000.





Find out about the Border Force Civil Penalty Accreditation Scheme

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Contact the Border Force Civil Penalty Accreditation Scheme

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Seen something suspicious?

Don't ignore it, report it:

- Speak to a member of staff
 - In an emergency call 112 in Europe or 999 in the UK
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