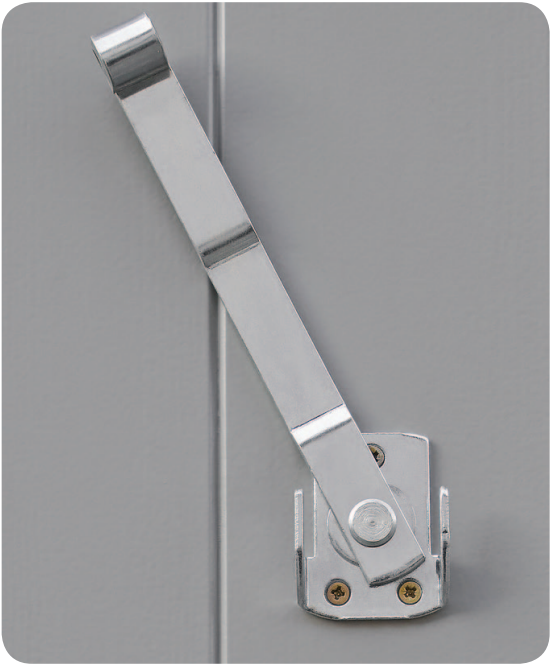


New threat to Plastics Sector



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The rise in the price of base metal unfortunately means that the theft of metal is on the rise.

**Whilst you may be familiar with reports of the theft of items such as metal gates, manhole covers, lead from roofs being taken for the scrap value, you may not be aware that there is now a rise in claims from a more unexpected area –
the Plastics sector.**

How could metal theft affect your business?

Thieves are targeting the brass tooling and dies necessary to produce plastic products.

Whilst the scrap value of these items is nominal, because they are often specially machined, the replacement cost and associated Business Interruption can result in devastating **six figure losses** to businesses. One key reason for this is that these tools often do not benefit from the same security as other equipment.

How can you protect your business from thieves?

There are some simple precautions you can take to ensure you don't become another statistic of this new type of crime.

Follow these simple guidelines and protect your

- **Review your current inventory** of machinery, equipment and tools and identify any that may be attractive to this new generation of metal thieves.
- **Consider where equipment is stored** when not in use - thefts don't only occur outside of business hours. If dies are not used frequently then an opportunist thief could strike during a busy working day - place these tools in a secure, locked area and carefully monitor access and stock control. Whenever tooling is not in use it should be returned to this locked store and checked in.
- **Review the existing physical security** of your premises, both the tooling storage and the wider vicinity - if a thief did succeed in penetrating your perimeter security, how easy would it be to access the tooling? Ensure you have adequate electronic

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security in place and sensors provide maximum coverage.

- **Visitor control** - make sure you know who is coming into and out of your premises. Be aware of potential 'scouting' trips by visitors who ask to gain access on a spurious premise.
 - **Backup your blueprints** - in the unfortunate event that you do have a theft, make sure the blueprints for the tooling are readily available
- and that you know how and where to get them recast.
- **Talk to your local** business community and to the police to find out if there have been instances of metal theft in your area.
 - Make sure you have **adequate insurance** to cover your business in the event of a theft. Your insurance broker will be able to advise you on the most suitable cover for your requirements.

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