

Bolton Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter



April 2026

Brake publishes new *Young Driver Safety* report

77% of people support stronger driver licensing to protect young, newly qualified drivers and save lives. It's time for the Government to take action! Tell them it's time for change.



On 15 April 2026, Brake published their [*Young Driver Safety report*](#). In it, they reveal that **35% of people have been in a crash with a young driver or know someone who has.**

That number increases to a **staggering 54%** among 18- to 24-year-olds.

Every year, 4,740 people are killed or seriously injured in a crash involving a young driver. Half of those are other road users, like pedestrians, cyclists, and other drivers or passengers of all ages*.

Brake think this is unacceptable, and their research is very clear that the public is on one side – **77% of people back driver licensing reform in Britain** to reduce deaths and injuries from crashes involving young drivers.

[Click here to read the Young Driver Safety report in full](#)

**Reported road casualties in Great Britain: younger driver factsheet, 2024 - GOV.UK*

PREVENTING TOOL THEFT FROM VEHICLES

According to insurance industry research, tools are stolen from a tradesperson's vehicle every 20 minutes in the UK.

There are a number of things you can do to prevent tool theft and increase the chances of getting your tools back if they are stolen.

- Don't store your tools in your vehicle overnight.
- Property mark your tools and register them on immobilise, the UK National Property Register at www.immobilise.com/help/registertool



If you must store your tools in your vehicle:

- Lock doors and windows, physically checking that they are secure.
- Make sure your alarm/immobiliser is set and consider investing a second alarm system which is not controlled by the central locking mechanism.
- Park in a garage or a secure area covered by CCTV.
- Consider upgrading physical security e.g. door locks and lockable ladder clamps. Internal security cages and storage boxes can be used. These should be secured to the vehicle itself.
- Always use police preferred security products, details of which can be found at www.securedbydesign.com
- Don't leave personal items on display in the driver's area of the vehicle.
- Never leave the vehicle unattended and insecure when unloading tools.

HELP POLICE IDENTIFY STOLEN ITEMS

- Photograph valuable items, keep a written description of each and include them on your insurance policy.
- Register each item on www.immobilise.com
- Be an active member of your local Neighbourhood Watch.



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As the weather improves, there are more events taking place within our communities for everyone to take part in. Please check out the events attached to our newsletter email.

If you are organising a not-for-profit event or run a community organisation and would like us to share the details with our monthly newsletter, please message us on info@boltonneighbourhoodwatch.org

●●● **Join Neighbourhood Watch for FREE!** ●●●

Neighbourhood Watch is all about community, safety, and looking out for each other. By joining, you'll help reduce crime, share vital information, and make Bolton a safer, stronger place to live.

Together, we can protect our streets, support our neighbours, and build a communities we're proud of.

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