Scouts Victoria

How to prevent your trailer from being stolen



Our most common property issue is trailer theft. Every Group with a trailer needs to take preventative steps to avoid this from happening.

Trailers must be protected from theft using a trailer lock and/or bollard – without evidence of a trailer lock, insurance for theft is not guaranteed. If your trailer is stolen, Scouts Victoria will ask you to prove what attempts you made to prevent the trailer being stolen.

Note that registered trailers are required to be registered in the name of Scout Association in order to be insured.

- Where possible, store your trailer out of sight shed, Q-store, garage.
 - Trailers are often stolen by opportunists. Make it hard for them.
- Regardless of where it is parked, it must be secured.
 - Take a photo of your trailer stored, with the clamp on it, as proof.
- For even extra protection, you might choose to:
 - Chain to a post as well as a wheel clamp.
 - Use a coupling lock
 - o Use a hitch pin
- Do not store your trailer fully packed.
 - Why risk losing everything?

You can find useful information on theft prevention <u>here</u> and the latest in security and safety features <u>here</u>.