



# Theft of solar panels from power stations

Are solar panels causing a rise in solar crime?

A rise in solar crime means eco-conscious homeowners and farmers who have diversified into renewables should check their security and insurance. The warning comes after police figures revealed a 48 per cent rise in solar panel and cabling theft from 2021 to 2022.

Are solar panels stolen?

Several instances of solar panel theft have been reported, including an incident at Gateshead International stadium as well as a larger incident in 2021 in which 221 solar panels were stolen from a solar farm. Solar panel theft is the primary issue, although some landowners report that it isn't just the panels themselves that are stolen.

How much does a solar theft cost?

Strecke says European solar thefts typically cause EUR60,000 (\$63,900) of damage, when repairs and loss of business are factored in. "Solar crime is on the increase," says Rachael Oakley, director of crime intelligence at Telford-based DeterTech, formally known as SmartWater Group thanks to its product-marking technology.

Is there a rise in solar crime in 2021 & 2022?

Taylor, presenting at a Solar Crime Open Day event organized by site security company DeterTech and London-based asset manager Schroders, reported a 48% rise in cabling and solar panel theft from solar sites between 2021 and 2022.

Is there a rise in solar crime in the UK?

Police in the UK observed a 93% rise in reports of solar-related crimes from 2021 to 2022. That figure - reported by Detective Superintendent James Taylor, head of UK serious organized acquisitive crime unit Opal - included a rise in small-scale thefts of solar panels as rising energy bills and the cost-of-living crisis bite.

Did UK police find solar panels stolen from Worcestershire site?

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