

# Stealing electricity from solar panels

Are solar panels stolen?

By way of example, in August, solar panels worth approximately £10 500 were stolen from an energy farm in Northamptonshire. Solar panel theft is not limited to large scale and commercial solar farms either - homes in remote areas are also vulnerable, with thieves reportedly swiping panels from people's roofs. Why?

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.

Why is solar panel theft a problem in the UK?

Solar panel theft is a key issue for owners and operators of renewable energy sites in the UK. When criminals steal from solar sites, this impacts their revenue. Furthermore, insurance claims and the cost and time associated with replacing panels impacts operations.

Did UK police find solar panels stolen from Worcestershire site?

Photo: DeterTech From pv magazine Global 04/23 When the UK police visited an address in Staffordshire they suspected of harboring solar panels stolen from a Worcestershire site in 2019, they not only recovered 13 modules but also found paperwork indicating planned shipments to Madrid for resale.

What if solar theft is not brought under control?

Not only that, but if solar theft is not brought under control, it will delay the country from reaching its net zero goals. With nights growing darker earlier from October, the risk of theft increases, so action must be taken around this issue, and fast.

Are solar panels a target for criminals?

Large solar panel farm installations can cost hundreds of thousands of pounds, and even small-scale residential grids require an upfront investment. This factor is one of many that make solar panels an easy target for criminals. Let's look at some of the major issues:

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Police said 80 panels were dismantled and stolen from the site. Officers have appealed for any witnesses or anybody with information to contact them.

People commit electricity theft for a range of reasons, whether it's to avoid paying their bills, to help loved ones cope with energy costs - or to supply large amounts of electricity to illegal ...

Perhaps more surprisingly than copper, there are numerous instances of criminal gangs stealing entire solar modules, sometimes in very large numbers. Higgins says that the black market for...

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