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Police are appealing for witnesses to come forward following a fail to stop traffic collision on the A134 at Shimpling.

At approximately 4.45pm on Thursday 21 February, a blue Mazda with a black vinyl roof collided with a silver Vauxhall Corsa, causing the driver to leave the road and hit a tree. The driver sustained minor back injuries and an ambulance attended.

The Mazda then drove off towards Bury and was seen shortly after 5pm driving erratically on the A134 in Ingham.

Police would like to hear from anyone who witnessed the incident. Calls should be made to PC Mel Hayward from Sudbury on 101.

Or

Please use the following link to pass useful information to Suffolk Police about any incident.

<http://www.suffolk.police.uk/safetyadvice/reportacrime/tellthepolice.aspx>

DO NOT USE THIS LINK IN AN EMERGENCY OR IN A SITUATION THAT REQUIRES AN IMMEDIATE POLICE RESPONSE WHEN YOU SHOULD RING 999.

Police Direct Team

### **Shed/garage security**

Since 1 January 2013, 41 sheds and 9 garages have been broken into across Ipswich. An estimated £7,200 worth of tools and bicycles have been stolen, as well fishing gear and motorbikes. Of the 50 break-ins, 11 of the buildings had been left insecure.

Whilst you may not consider the items in your shed or garage to be of great value, please remember that most sheds and garages contain tools and other items that could be used to break into your house or that of your neighbours.

The following steps will help to ensure that your shed and garage stay secure:

- Fit good locks to all doors. Padlocks should be at least 6cm/2.5 ins wide, hardened steel, have at least 5 pins and be closed shackle. Pedestrian access doors should have 5 lever mortice locks.
- Fittings should be bolted through the door and reinforced at the back with a steel

plate or washer; hasps should have concealed screws.

- Use the locks at all times, even if you are at home.
- Cover the windows. Either cover them with mesh or metal bars or least obscure the view with newspaper or an old curtain.
- Make sure that the shed is in good condition. Weaknesses such as rotten wood or holes in the doors or windows will be an easy access point for a burglar, even if there are good locks on the doors.
- Fit additional locks to garage doors. Garages with pedestrian access doors as well as up and over doors can be further secured by adding padlocks to the front of the runners when the door is shut to prevent the door being opened.
- Consider fitting an alarm or investigating if your house alarm can be extended to cover the sheds/garage.
- Secure items within the shed. Lock items to each other with a quality lock or secure them to a fixed point in the floor.
- Security mark property and register it on .
- Use dusk to dawn security lights around the shed/garage.
- Make sure that the boundary fence is in good order, at least six foot high and check that gates are locked.
- If you see or hear anything suspicious, call police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

For further information please contact your local crime reduction officer on 101.

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