



NaVCIS Freight

Insights in to combatting Cargo Crime



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Meet the NaVCIS Freight Team

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Intro to NaVCIS

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- 🚚 National Police Unit.
- 🚚 Funded by Industry.
- 🚚 Five areas of focus.
- 🚚 Partnership working.



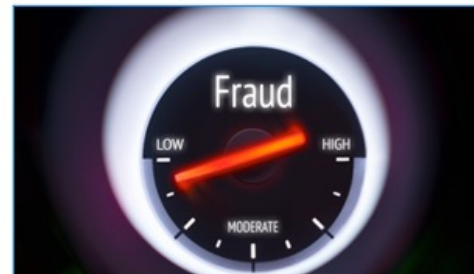
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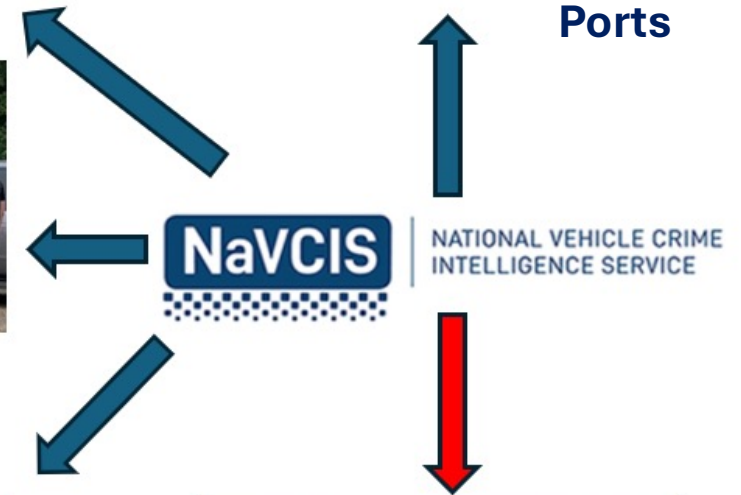
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NaVCIS Freight Crime Data

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39,000+ Freight Crime Offence notified to NaVCIS since 2016

£700 million – True Overall Cost

2016 – 1,193 notifications

2017 – 1,530 notifications

2018 – 2,967 notifications

2019 – 4,364 notifications Loss Value **£115.0 million** (cost)

2020 – 4,481 notifications Loss Value **£94.9 million**

2021 – 4,434 notifications Loss Value **£71.4 million**

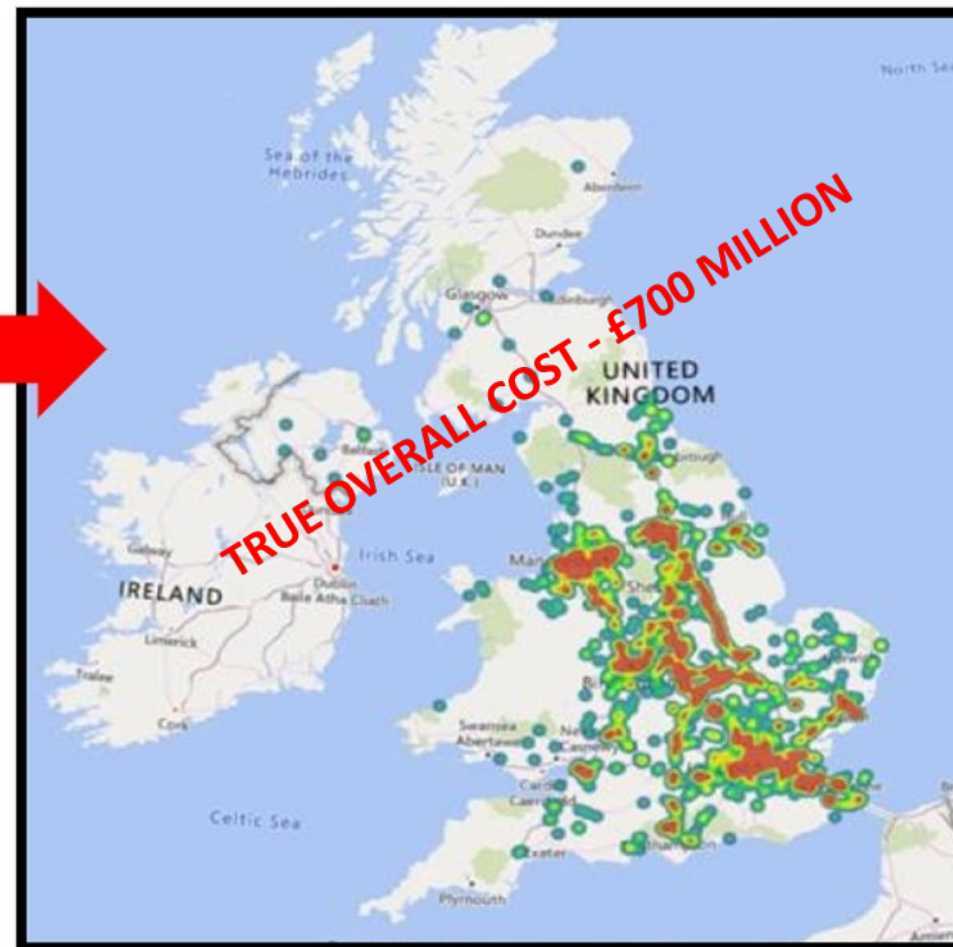
2022 – 5,086 notifications Loss Value **£66 million**

2023 – 5,373 notifications Loss Value **£68 million**

2024 – 4,879 notifications Loss Value **£111.5 million**

2025 – 3,424 notifications Loss Value **£65.1 million**

This is **CRUCIAL** as there is currently **No Home Office Crime Classification Code**



WITHOUT THIS FOUNDATIONAL WORK FREIGHT CRIME WOULD HAVE REMAINED A HIDDEN PROBLEM!!!

2025 in numbers

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- 🚚 **3,424** crime notifications
- 🚚 **£65.1M** estimated cost lost.
- 🚚 **£18,307** average cost lost per incident.
- 🚚 **265** arrests for freight crime offences.
- 🚚 **271** Intelligence reports disseminated.



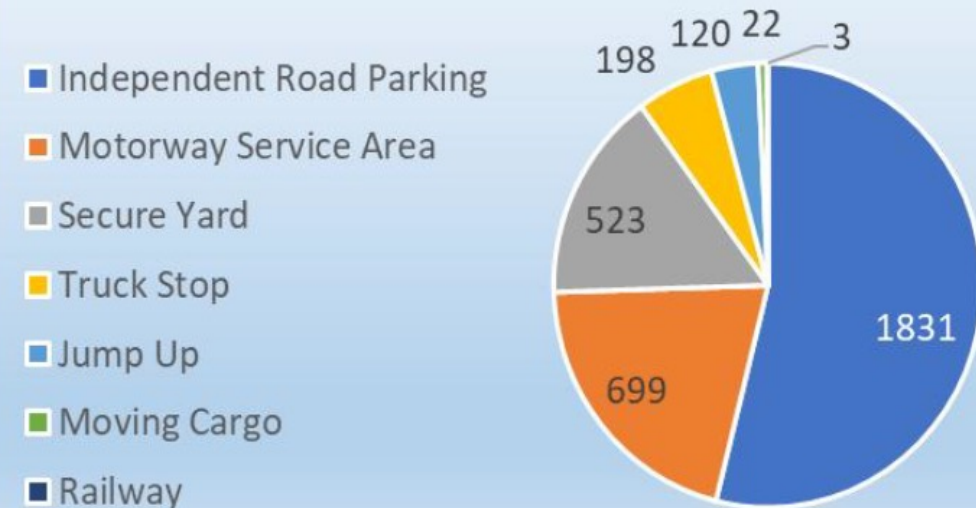
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Trends/Hot Spots 2025

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- 🚚 **53%** of offences occurred at Independent Road Parking locations with est cost loss of **£23M**.
- 🚚 **20%** of offences occurred at Motorway Service Area's with est cost loss of **£2.5M**.
- 🚚 **6%** of offences occurred at Truck Stops with est loss of **£1.4M**.
- 🚚 **22** Moving Cargo Offences with est cost loss of **£7.4M**.
- 🚚 **120** jump-up offences targeting tobacco est cost loss **£2.5M**.

Freight Crime 2025
by HGV Parking Locations



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H1'26 in numbers

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- 🚚 **1,404** crime notifications
- 🚚 **£32.1M** estimated cost lost.
- 🚚 **£23K** average cost lost per incident.
- 🚚 **162** arrests for freight crime offences.



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UK Cargo Theft

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NaVCIS have spent the last **ten years** more accurately mapping the threat from UK Cargo Crime

The majority of Cargo Crime is **NOT opportunist !!!**

The majority of Cargo Crime is **Serious & Organised Crime**

There are a number of OCGs in the UK deliberately targeting Road related Freight

Those responsible **understand supply chains**

They know which Carriers have contracts to move certain Commodities & are targeting certain routes **M6 / M1 / M40**

They **understand Police Tactics**

They have **underground networks of handlers** – who store and sell on Stolen Goods



Cargo Crime – Outlets for Stolen Goods

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Low Risk – High Reward Crime type

Stolen Cargo re-enters the supply chain via

Ebay

Amazon

Gum Tree

Facebook Buy Sell Swap

Vinted

Car Boot Sales

Market Traders stalls

National Supermarkets

Dark Web

Cash Convertor stores

Shops and Convenience Stores

Back Street Cash & Carry Stores



**Recoveries are problematic - once the Stolen Cargo is “Slaughtered”,
divided up and sold on.**

All Parliamentary Group (APPG)

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NaVCIS has been working with the APPG

During 2025, NaVCIS provided SME to the APPG

The Freight Crime Bill was put forward during 2025

The Bill has been put forward by
MP Rachel Taylor – North Warwickshire & Bedworth

- *Freight Crime Classification Code
- *Stricter Sentencing Guidelines to act as a deterrent
- *Funding for NaVCIS / Police to combat Freight Crime
- * More Safe and Secure Lorry Parking

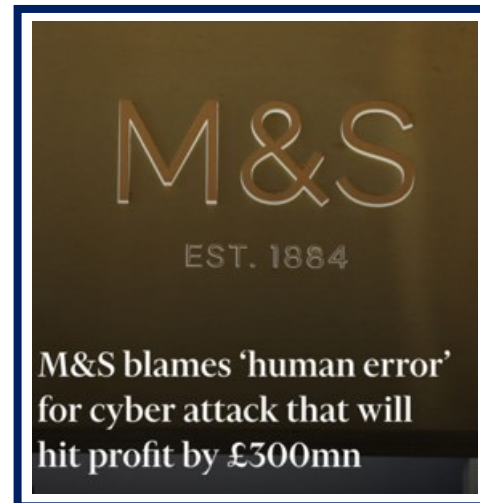
The Bill has been put on hold due to the lack of Parliamentary time



Cargo Cyber Crime

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Why is securing your network and operations important?



- Cyber crime poses a critical and growing operational risk to UK supply chains, with recent findings from the Cyber security Breaches survey 25/26 showing that 45% of transport and storage businesses identified a breach or attack

Key Threats to UK Logistics

- **Ransomware and Extortion:** Criminals lock or encrypt digital networks, halting freight tracking, warehouse operations, and transport management systems.
- **Supply Chain Interception:** Attackers target vulnerable third-party vendors, using compromised supplier credentials for invoice fraud or lateral network entry.
- **Phishing and Credential Theft:** Phishing remains the most common and disruptive attack vector against logistics personnel, leading to unauthorized access and business email compromise.
- **Geopolitical Targeting:** Nation-state actors such as Russian intelligence campaigns highlighted by the National Cyber Security Centre have targeted western logistics and transport entities supporting critical supply channels

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Cyber Crime

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What can you do?

- 🖥️ National Cyber Security Centre.
- 🖥️ Cyber Essentials.
- 🖥️ Regional Cyber resilience centres, PSNI CCU, Cyber Scotland and Fraud Centre
- 🖥️ Use the IASME Supplier Check.
- 🖥️ Sign up for early warnings.
- 🖥️ Know about your backup systems and have a plan



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Prevention - Secure HGV Parking Register

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- 🚚 NaVCIS are acting on the industry led DfT Task & Finish Group (TFG) conclusions & recommendations working closely TAPA and Police CPI on standards development
- 🚚 Strengthen Industry Partnerships by working with the SCRIP HGV Secure parking working group
- 🚚 **Development of a National Register of Secure HGV Parking Facilities**
- 🚚 Targeting HGV parking sites in high crime areas, working with the top10 most criminally active facilities
- 🚚 Understanding risk: **Designing out Crime** & Site vulnerability assessments
- 🚚 Improving HGV parking operator representation
- 🚚 On-site driver security events programme 26/27
- 🚚 Develop easier, cost-effective security solutions for site operators
- 🚚 Supporting technological innovation and research projects to improve HGV parking security



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The Future - SCRIP

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🚚 Supply Chain Risk Industry Partnership

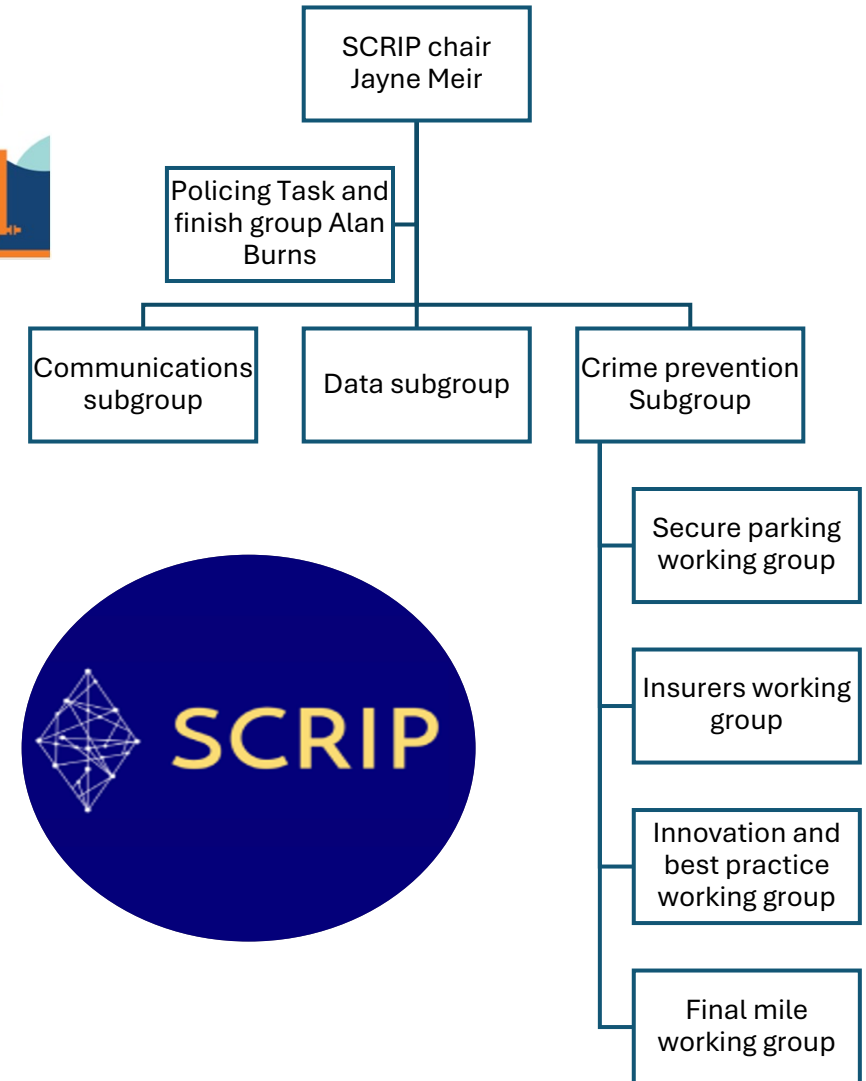
🚚 Purpose

🚚 Objective

🚚 Structure

SUPPLY CHAIN RISK INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP (SCRIP)

For businesses wishing to get involved with SCRIP & Crime Prevention - Contact – freight@navcis.police.uk



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The Future – Op Cargo

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- NaVCIS are working in the **PREVENT / PROTECT / PREPARE** pillars of the Policing Plan
- OPAL are working on the **PURSUE** pillar of the Policing Plan
- NaVCIS have proposed a Cargo Crime operation to be rolled out nationally – **OPERATION CARGO**

To find out more about our work to combat freight & cargo crime – contact freight@navcis.police.uk



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