

Code of Practice

- 1.1 Tamworth Borough Council is keen to encourage and support Scrap Metal sites to secure high standards and compliance with the legislation. Tamworth Borough Council has therefore produced a voluntary code of practice (Annex B) and encourages all Scrap Metal Site's to have regard to and adhere to this code where possible.

Annex B

Voluntary Code of Practice for Scrap Metal Dealers.

All scrap metal site's are encouraged to adopt this Code and agree to abide by the following requirements:

- a) All reasonable steps will be taken to ensure stolen metals are not bought in accordance with the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013
- b) Metals will only be accepted from those whose ID has been/can be verified as required by the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013
- c) That no payment shall be made to any person other than the person as identified on the scrap metal collector's licence displayed on the vehicle where metals are produced by a licensed scrap metal collector.
- d) Staff must be trained in administrative processes and all paperwork should be relevant and kept up-to-date in accordance with the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2003
- e) Dealers will co-operate with police and local authorities by allowing access and inspection when requested in accordance with the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2003
- f) No blackened copper wire that has obviously had its insulation removed should be bought.
- g) Dealers shall display prominent signage at their premises stating that "We do not buy suspected stolen metal or support crime and work closely with the local police to reduce crime".
- h) No metals shall be received without at a minimum taking and retaining a digital photograph(s) of the scrap metal load as presented, cross-referenced with the appropriate waste transfer note.
- i) Dealers shall have available and actively use UV torches for detecting forensically marked metals.
- j) Suspicious persons will be reported by the Site to the local police force for the area concerned.
- k) Dealers will work towards adopting into an electronic 'alert' notification scheme for early notification of stolen metals.

- l) All scrap metal dealers agree to work towards installing police approved CCTV systems upon commencement of trading and automatic number plate recognition cameras within 12 months from the commencement of trading at site entrances and/or weighbridges. (Where such systems have been installed posters advertising the fact will clearly be displayed on the premises).
- m) Scrap metal collectors will not cause nuisance or unreasonable disturbance to residents in the locality.