



# The Federation of Racecourse Bookmakers Limited

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## **Vandalism to Bookmakers' Cars.**

There have been a number of incidents recently where bookmakers' car tyres have been slashed while the bookmakers were working at the racecourse. At this stage, we are only aware of three incidents. These have occurred at Ascot (at two separate meetings) and at Newmarket. However, the bookmakers concerned are worried that this may be more than just a grudge campaign, as on one occasion some equipment was stolen from the gear that had been unloaded from the boot, while the bookmaker's attention was turned to changing the tyre.

Alternatively, where two or more tyres are slashed, it may be an attempt to isolate the bookmaker alone in the car park while waiting for AA/RAC assistance after the vast majority or all of the other cars have left.

The FRB considers it imperative to make all racecourse bookmakers aware of these incidents and should this have happened to any other bookmaker anywhere in the UK, request that they report the incident to the FRB using the email facility available on the FRB website.

The FRB has also asked Tim Moore (Chief Executive Officer) at AGT to make all racecourse managers aware of these incidents and to request that all racecourse car park/security staff remain vigilant on this matter.

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