



# MCAMW Service Bureau Safety Newsletter

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## **SAFETY MATTERS BY SAFETY SAM**

### **Special Alert to All MCAMW Members:**

**If you warm up or keep your service van running unattended and unlocked, you are exposing your vehicle and its contents to thieves.**

**Van thefts are on the rise. See "Tip of the Month" below.**

During these extremely cold winter days, remember also to take precautions while sitting in any idling vehicle – all motor vehicles are a source of carbon monoxide. **NEVER** leave the engine running idle in an enclosed place.

*Remember: There are Good Habits, there are Bad Habits,  
and there are Safety Habits.....  
**Safety Habits Save Your Life.***

### *Tip of the Month*

**MCAMW members are reporting that they have recently experienced theft of some of their service vans. One member has had their fourth van theft in the past two weeks and another reported two recently stolen vehicles.**

**The vans are being taken from downtown DC during the business day, driven to a remote location and emptied of all tools. They are equipped with GPS, however DC Police have been unable to catch the perpetrators. As a precaution, consider minimizing all tools and materials carried on your vans until these people are caught.**

**NOTE: PLEASE SHARE THIS ADVISORY AT YOUR SAFETY AND SERVICE MEETINGS, PROVIDE A COPY TO YOUR SERVICE TECHNICIANS AND POST A COPY ON YOUR NOTIFICATIONS BULLETIN BOARDS.** All information in this Newsletter has been provided by members of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Metropolitan Washington Safety Committee. The purpose of this newsletter is to heighten your awareness of safety procedures.

**This Newsletter will be sent to all MCAMW members.**

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