

Protect you property



Every year in France, thefts of art works - unfortunately too frequent - are perpetrated at private homes, professional establishments or in the public domain (religious buildings, museums, archaeological sites, etc.). Whether you are a well-informed collector or an occasional buyer of art works, you might want to think about protecting your property, and thus contributing to the fight against the illicit trafficking of cultural assets.

Public authorities' prevention measures

The Ministry of Culture and Communication, in partnership with the various players in the fight against trafficking in art works, has published an Information Guide for the use of private and public owners: "Sécurité des Biens Culturels" (the security of cultural assets), containing practical information, procedures to follow and the contact details of various departments.

- › [View the guide online](#)

Auctioneer's inventory

The auctioneer can assist you in procedures by drawing up an inventory of your movable assets, accompanied by estimates for replacement values. This, together with photographs, will enable you to take out an insurance policy for the most accurate amount, based on reliable data with figures. In the event of theft (or other losses), the inventory and photographs will facilitate police investigations as well as your compensation.

- › [Find the auctioneer nearest you](#)

Reporting a dubious object

Do you have a doubt about an item put up for sale? You can consult the auctioneer in charge or contact Interencheres (equipe@interencheres.com). There are also databases of stolen items that can be consulted freely:

- › [Palissy French movable assets base](#)
- › [Gendarmerie site](#)
- › [Interpol Base \(on request: registration required\)](#)

Lastly, if you would like more information on the receiving and trafficking of art works, or want to report an item, please contact the OCBC (Central Office for the Fight against Traffic in Cultural Goods): 101 rue des Trois Fontanot - 92000 Nanterre.

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