

Construction Site Theft Prevention



The theft of machinery, equipment, tools, and material supplies from construction sites can be a serious problem. Although most contractors are insured for this type of loss, insurance costs are increasing. Here are some crime prevention tips to help keep your site theft free.

Put Equipment Away One of the easiest ways to protect your construction site is putting all your equipment away after using it. Locking equipment and tools up inside a building or mobile storage unit eliminates the chance of them going missing.

Keep Records of Purchases Keep detailed records of every piece of equipment and all tools you have. These records make it easier to file a police report and more challenging for a thief to sell the items later.

Die Stamp Equipment All equipment should be die stamped with the name of the company underneath the serial number and in one additional location on the equipment.

Background Check Employees Perform background checks on your employees, which may show a previous criminal history for theft, allowing you to make smarter hiring decisions.

Theft Prevention Devices Theft prevention devices to disable fuel, hydraulic, and/or electrical systems can be installed in heavy equipment. Wheel locks or immobilizers can be installed on smaller wheeled vehicles, generators or compressors, and pickup trucks.

Lock All Vehicles One easy step you can implement is to ensure that all vehicles are locked. This may be enough of a deterrent to discourage potential thieves.

Hire a Security Guard Consider hiring a trained security guard to watch your site overnight or work with other construction companies to hire security patrols for your area.

Use Video Surveillance Install video surveillance at your construction site. Video surveillance can monitor your site for theft, vandalism and accidents. You may receive a discount from your insurance company for installing a camera system.

Report all vandalism and theft to enforcement immediately. Make sure there is detailed record of the make, model and serial numbers of all equipment assigned to the project.