

# Fact Sheet

## Construction Site Crime Prevention

Construction site crime is expensive, can delay project schedules and can also give your business a bad rep!

Construction sites can often be seen as easy targets by opportunistic thieves as they can lack proper security and loss prevention practices.

Here are some security measures you can implement on-site to help prevent theft.

### Engrave/mark your tools with a form of personal identification (e.g. name/initials)

Marking your property deters theft as marked property is more difficult for thieves to offload. Personal identification will also help police locate and return your tools if they are stolen.

### Secure tools and materials when not in use

Leaving tools or materials laying around can be seen as an open invitation for thieves to help themselves. If you have trouble remembering to lock away your tools or secure the jobsite, consider setting an alarm on your phone each day as a reminder.

### Display appropriate signage

Consider adding signage in and around your jobsite which indicates that only authorised personnel are permitted and/or premises are under 24 hour

surveillance. This can deter thieves from entering your jobsite.

### Fence or barricade your jobsite

Adding a locked fence or barricading your jobsite can make it more difficult for thieves to enter and more obvious to passers-by if someone is on-site that shouldn't be.



### Keep your jobsite well-lit after hours

Thieves count on being able to remain undetected. They target unprotected jobsites where they can get in and out undetected. A well-lit jobsite may deter thieves from entering the area, as it increases the risk that they will be seen and caught.

### Install surveillance systems

Implementing one or more of the following surveillance systems can help

deter jobsite theft as well as aid the police with investigation:

- CCTV
- Alarm system
- Sensor lighting
- Security patrols.

### **Keep your jobsite organised**

An organised jobsite helps prevent tools and equipment being misplaced or being stolen without anyone noticing. If you store your tools in one spot or in a toolbox clearly marked as yours, it will be more difficult for someone to steal them without being noticed.

### **Track your inventory**

Tighten up your inventory and make sure there is an accurate paper trail that details when supplies arrive onsite and who takes delivery of them. People are generally more protective of things that they are held personally responsible for.

### **Keep accurate records**

Filing hard copies or taking photos of serial numbers, purchase receipts and warranties for your tools and equipment is good practice for tax purposes and is helpful should you need to make a complaint to police and lodge an insurance claim if these items are lost or stolen.

### **Schedule deliveries on an as-needed basis**

Avoid ordering excessive materials and having items delivered to the jobsite too far ahead of when they are needed. Purchase only what you need when you need it. Materials left lying around

jobsites are prime targets for opportunistic thieves.

### **Useful safety contacts**

Policelink: 131 444  
Emergencies (Triple zero): 000  
Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000  
Hoon hotline: 13 4666

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