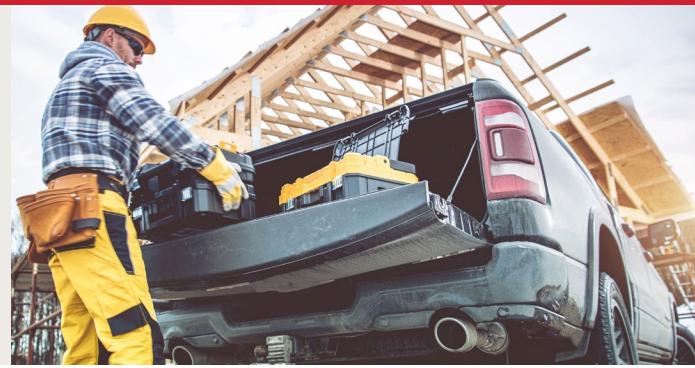


Construction Site Theft Prevention



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Keep the Conversation Going with a Safety Talk Question:

What are employees doing to prevent theft of equipment and materials on the job site? Are the methods effective?

1. Why Theft Prevention is Important

- Jobs can't be completed successfully and on time without proper tools and equipment.
- Some tools and equipment may not be easily replaced, which creates a significant issue for the company and its employees.
- Theft is a persistent problem in the United States.

2. Strategies for Theft Prevention

- **Storage** – Place high-value items where they are least likely to be seen, preferably inside a locked structure. Ensure tools and materials are locked up in secure boxes, cabinets, sheds, etc. Disable heavy equipment at the end of the day. Remove keys and use equipment locks on equipment and machinery.
- **Environment** – Maintain fencing and adequate lighting around storage areas. Control access points to prevent unauthorized entry. Maintain effective housekeeping so missing items are easier to identify.
- **Practices** – Keep tools within sight whenever possible and store them immediately after use. Close gates, avoid propping open doors and ensure storage areas are secure when entering or leaving. Avoid any borrowing of equipment without asking.
- **Vigilance** – Notify management without hesitation when you identify suspicious behavior, potential patterns/adverse trends, or potentially missing items. Pay close attention during shift changes when theft is most common.
- **Maintenance** – Routinely check security equipment to ensure adequate condition and functionality. This includes automatic video surveillance systems, which are crucial for monitoring the site during off hours. Report any issues (broken locks, lighting, cameras, etc.) immediately.
- **Management** – Ensure subcontractors follow your organization's risk management plan. Schedule deliveries when materials can be unloaded and secured promptly without sitting unattended. Work in pairs or more when using high-value equipment.
- **Record Keeping** – Maintain detailed sign in/sign out logs to keep track of who is responsible for the equipment at any given time. Complete documented inventory checks daily at the start and end of shifts.
- **Site Culture** – Promote effective training along with staying up to date on updates to your organization's plan as well as the overall importance of security being a company-wide commitment.

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Jobsite Theft Sources:

<https://www.pwcva.gov/assets/2024-05/Securing%20Construction%20Sites.pdf>

<https://www.cantonmi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/503/Construction-Site-Theft-Prevention-PDF>

