

BUILDING SITE SECURITY



FIRST PRINCIPLE

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Top tips

- Lock up / remove all tools when you're not using them
- Clearly mark ALL your property
- Remove ignition keys from ALL unattended equipment
- Immobilise equipment when it's not being used
- Whenever possible park vehicles off the road at night and weekends
- Return keys to the site manager or person responsible
- Security passes should be worn at all times - challenge those who aren't wearing one
- Report any suspicious behaviour or thefts to the site manager
- Theft and vandalism can lead to delays and job losses.

PREVENT CRIME

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Construction sites are lucrative places for thieves. Security and supervision of a construction site is demanding and high staff turnover can make it difficult to keep good security records.

Responsibility rests with site supervisors who must take a strong line over security by making company policy clear to everyone. It is important all staff understand the implications of poor security.

Perimeter Protection

- Security fencing is the best form of perimeter protection. Exits and entrances should be kept to the minimum required for the safe operation of the site.
- A reception area should be signposted and be close to the main entrance.
- Where there are close neighbours, it is best to use open style fencing i.e. weld mesh as this allows good natural surveillance into the site by neighbours or passers-by.

Other Security Points

- Employing security guards - especially in areas of known high crime.
- Lighting - good portable lighting will help illuminate the site and deter intruders.
- CCTV and intruder alarm systems, stand alone or integrated, should be considered to protect security compounds and site offices.
- Warning notices - stating security precautions are in force without providing specific details.

On Site Security Marking

All property belonging to the contractor should be permanently marked with company details.

The most common way of marking items is to use coloured paint or pens such as Cremark. However, stamping, etching, forensic marking, engraving, and ultra violet pens can also be used.

The National Plant and Equipment Register (TER) have a database, which records details of members' plant and equipment. If it's stolen it can be traced and returned to the rightful owners. They also run periodic stop checks of hired plant and record the details. Any cross matches are referred to the relevant company for further enquiries and, if necessary, the police for investigation.

Other options of security are Datatag and CESAR.

Encourage everyone on site to mark all their tools and keep a list of all Vehicle Identification Numbers (VINs) as well as serial numbers and engine numbers.

Any tools left on site overnight should be stored in security tool sheds, protected by CCTV or intruder alarm systems.

Staff Awareness

If security staff are employed, they should regularly check people on site and if within company policy, should have the right to search employees, lockers and contractors' vehicles.

Employees' private vehicles shouldn't be parked on site.

A number of measures should be taken to raise staff awareness of security:

- Consider making members of staff personally responsible for company equipment they use. If equipment is lost through carelessness or negligence you may be able to take disciplinary action.
- Ensure everyone on site is aware of company policy and familiar with site security procedures.
- Inform all staff that you expect them to report suspicious incidents and that all information will be treated with confidence.
- If any equipment is stolen, you should report the theft immediately to the police, giving as much information as possible about the missing items.

Site Office Security

When designing your site, position the site office in an area with limited access for an opportunistic thief.

Office equipment, such as mobile phones, computers, fax machines, together with any personal items, should be properly secured.

Consider protecting valuable business information, including staff records, payroll information, work schedules, site plans and future ventures or anything that could undermine company strategy if it was lost or stolen.

Plant and Materials

When ordering plant and equipment from a hire company, always ensure there will be a responsible person on site to accept delivery.

Be wary of anyone offering plant or equipment for sale, particularly if they have no proof of ownership - most major companies paint their equipment with their logo, company name or their own colours.

Order the minimum amount of materials you need and, as with deliveries, ensure someone trustworthy is on site to accept them.

Store valuable materials such as copper pipe, electrical cable lead in secure stores, ensuring they are protected by CCTV, intruder alarms or security patrols.

When the building develops, be aware of the likelihood of theft from completed or partially completed buildings, such as copper pipe.

First Principle: Related links

Check out all of our Crime Prevention information using the following links or by using the QR code to take you to the First Principle Pages Alternatively go to our website at <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/> and look in the 1st Principle A-Z of Crime Prevention.

Allotment Security
Anti-Social Behaviour
ATM Security
Beach Hut Security
Boat Security
Building Site Security
Business Security
Caravan Security
Caravan Storage
Card Security
Catalytic Converters
Church Security
Cold Callers
Commercial CCTV
Counterfeit Banknotes
County Lines Advice
for Landlords
Cyber Crime
Cycle Security
Dangerous Dogs
Dog Fouling
Dog Theft
Domestic CCTV
Domestic Violence
Farm Security
Fraud Prevention
Grooming
Hate Crime

Heating Oil
Home Improvements
Home Security
Home Security for
Tenants
Horses and Stables
Keyless Vehicles
Key Safe Security
Lock Snapping
Mopeds and Scooters
Motorcycle Security
Neighbour Disputes
Occupiers Liability
Personal Security
Power Tool Security
Products Brochure
Rural Crime
Security Alarms
Sheds and Garages
Social Media
Social Media for
Parents
Suspicious Behaviour
Shoplifting
Taxi Driver Safety
Vehicle Security
Windows and Doors



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Crimestoppers
0800 555 111

Victim Care
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