

Construction jobsite security best practices

Jobsite security means having a plan in place to protect what is being built along with the things in and around the jobsite including tools, equipment, materials, workers, visitors and the community. The best practices outlined below will cover asset protection, loss prevention and public safety on your jobsites.



Plan ahead

Each jobsite will have unique risks and challenges, so it is important to create a security plan specific to each project. This includes identifying potential vulnerabilities, assets that will need protection, the security measures for the jobsite, supervisory security responsibilities, and reporting protocols including police and fire department contacts.



Control access to the site

As much as possible, limit access points to entries that are monitored and controlled which controls traffic into the jobsite. Utilize daily sign-in sheets track those entering and leaving the site each day. Use barriers such as security fencing to protect the remaining perimeter. All entry points should have lockable gates with high quality locks when the jobsite is inactive.



Continuously monitor the jobsite

Inspect and secure the jobsite at the beginning and end of each day. Install cameras/surveillance systems to assist with daily monitoring and provide evidence if an incident occurs. Consider hiring security guards to monitor and walk the grounds for jobsites with sensitive targets.



Ensure appropriate lighting is in place

A well-lit jobsite at night deters theft and other activities. Visibility helps prevent trespassing and easier for bystanders to report incidents. Keep equipment that can't be secured overnight in areas with the most lighting.



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A protection plan for equipment and materials must be in place. Here are some components that should be included in the plan.

- **Create and maintain an inventory of the items on-site.** Use a secured area for storage of all equipment and tools. If that isn't possible, remove valuable items from the jobsite overnight. Mark tools and equipment to easily identify missing items.
- **For heavy equipment, ensure all of the cabs are locked during non-working hours and account for keys.** Install tracking devices to provide real-time data as to the location of the equipment. Alternatively, anti-theft devices are available to immobilize the equipment when not in use.
- **Be mindful of the inventory on-site and only leave items that are necessary.** When equipment or materials are no longer needed, remove them from the site. Watch delivery schedules to try and ensure items are delivered as close as possible to the timeframe in which they'll be used.

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