

Construction Site Security Checklist

Construction sites face multiple risks including accidents, theft, and vandalism. Even what appears to be a small incident can leave a lasting impact on business operations.

Having a security plan in place is critical to mitigate the risks that job sites face. Here's a list of things you can do on your own to secure your site.



1:

Maintain a Thorough Record of Incidents

This will help identify any suspicious patterns of activity, and you'll also be able to keep track of which tools, materials or pieces of equipment thieves are after. You can do this manually, or coordinate with the security company that monitors your site.

2:

Provide Adequate Lighting at Night

Thieves prefer to stay out of sight, and proper lighting can serve as a crime deterrent. Lighting can also enhance the quality of surveillance video to help capture suspicious activity. If your construction site does not have access to electricity, mobile surveillance solutions powered by solar panels are a viable option.

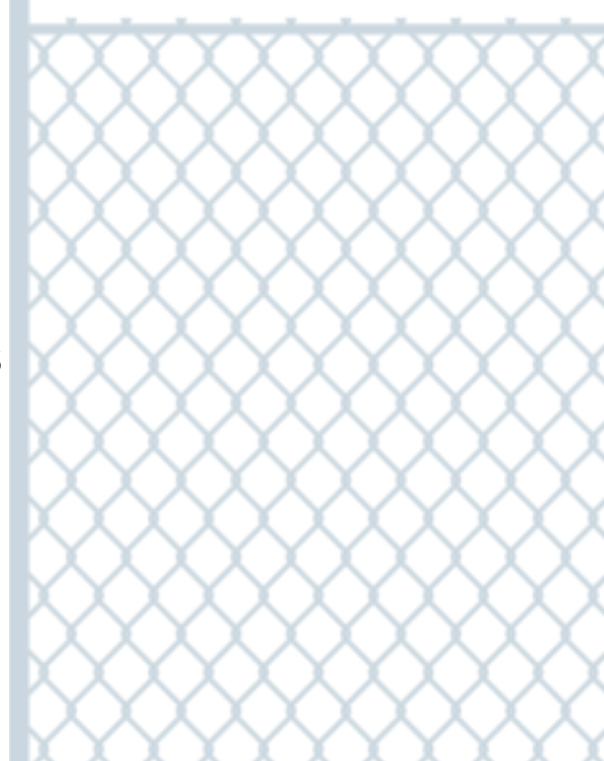


Hot Tip: You don't have to pay a premium for lighting. Mounting a few motion sensor lights, like those you might install in your driveway at home, can stun a thief and then send them running. Not only are these lights available at your local hardware stores, but they are usually much more affordable than commercial lighting.

3:

Limit Access with Locked Gates

Ideally, secure the area with gates and lock them at night. This helps to prevent crime, vandals, curious visitors, and potential accidents from happening.



Hot Tip : Construction sites are dangerous places, especially for someone unfamiliar with the operation. Not only do locked gates serve as a natural crime deterrent, but they may prevent anyone from wandering onto the site unexpectedly.

4:

Install Security Cameras to Capture Activity **24/7**



Strategically placed security cameras with IP camera hosting can monitor activity onsite around the clock. This allows you to capture any suspicious activity and view it instantly whether you are onsite or at home. And if theft occurs, the video evidence captured could just help police crack the case.

5:

Upgrade Surveillance with Virtual Security Guards

To ensure that activity at your construction site is monitored around the clock, take advantage of virtual security guards. Virtual security guards use high-quality video footage to remotely monitor activity and respond immediately to any situation. They're always watching when you can't be.



6:

Secure Valuable Equipment

When not in use, securely store valuables and expensive equipment, rather than just leaving them scattered around the site or in the back of trucks. Incorporate this best practice into your security plan and make sure your workers are not only aware of it, but make it a part of their daily routine.



Hot Tip: Many pieces of equipment are operated using a master key. To prevent thieves from easily driving off with equipment, at the end of each day, unplug the batteries “under the hood” of this machinery. Time is of the essence, and a thief in a hurry likely won't have the time to figure out what's wrong.

7:

Keep an Inventory of Materials and Equipment

A running inventory of materials and equipment will help you keep track of what you are using at the site. If something does go missing, you will have a record of it and can refer to your video footage to look for suspicious activity related to it.



Hot Tip: Arrange all of your heavy equipment in the same spot each night. This way if something is missing or out of place, you and your crew will spot it faster. And if you're using guards -- or virtual guards -- it will help them spot trouble too.

8:

Remove Unneeded Materials and Equipment

If you no longer need expensive equipment onsite, remove it. This reduces the temptation and opportunity for thieves to take something from your construction site.

Hot Tip: If you need to keep materials on location, but they aren't in use every day, lock them up! For an added layer of protection, park a piece of equipment in front of storage containers -- It's easier to cut a lock than move a skid-steer.

9:

Create a Security Plan for Your Site

Now that we've walked through ways to secure your site, develop and implement a plan. Make sure that everyone onsite knows what policies and procedures are in place to protect the business and its workers. And make sure that workers know to report suspicious activity, so you can stay one step ahead of any potential threats.





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