



Public Safety Advisory



Construction Site Burglaries & Thefts

Construction site burglaries and thefts are a common and costly occurrence in San Francisco. Valuable time and money are lost when equipment and materials are stolen from a worksite or vehicle. Consider the following suggestions to reduce your risk of being victimized:

- Plan the site security well in advance.
- Network with law enforcement, contact the local district police station to provide work site location and work hours.
- Notify the surrounding neighbors by providing them with a "Courtesy Note" asking them to report any suspicious activity or crime immediately to the police. Provide them with additional emergency contact information and work hours.
- Lighting is a good crime deterrent. Prepare the site for additional lighting around the perimeter.
- **Inventory, engrave or mark your tools for recovery. Tools and equipment should be inscribed with your CA driver's license number. This will help police locate the owner of recovered tools or equipment and help with testimony at a trial.** Materials and equipment should be secured in a cargo container for storage if not removed from the work site.
- Construction site doors and windows should be secured by locks, otherwise fencing or boarding should be erected.
- Good communication between the site supervisor and employees is vital so that doors and windows are not left open or unsecured at the end of the workday. Provide employees with written instructions on security expectations. It should be the responsibility of the Construction Supervisor to lock up the site.
- Screen your employees. Employees should wear visible identification. Never assume someone on site is a construction worker.
- Avoid leaving equipment vehicles at an unattended worksite.
- Secure portable toilet door with a padlock.

To report an emergency call 9-1-1, for non-emergency call 415/553-0123.

To make a quick report of a theft or burglary go online to www.sfgov.org/police or call 415/553-0123.

For more information on SAFE's Business Security Services, call 415/553-1984 or www.sfsafe.org