

Olympia Police Department
Construction Site Crime Prevention

Construction sites are becoming one of the most widely vandalized and sought after locations for increased thefts and burglaries today. The highly valuable materials and lack of security measures make it a perfect location for the opportunistic thief. The opportunistic thief is mostly concerned about three risks; light, noise, and time. Each one of these factors plays a key role in determining whether or not they attempt a crime. The Olympia Police Department's Community Programs Office would like to help you take a proactive approach in securing your construction site to aid in the prevention and reduction of crime. The following is a survey designed to outline and highlight areas of weaknesses and strengths, and perhaps provide you with preventative security measures that will aid in the reduction of crime on your construction site.

*** Olympia Police Department Dispatch: (360)704-2740 ***

Company Crime Prevention Contact/Coordinator

Construction sites are often unattended at night and on weekends. The police department needs to know who to contact if there is a problem.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Has the company appointed one person in authority to be the point of contact with the police department?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has the company provided the names and contact information for responsible persons during non-business hours?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a written job site security plan in place?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has the Crime Prevention Contact asked neighbors to help monitor the site during non-business hours?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have employees/neighbors been instructed to report suspicious people and/or activities? (Get license plate and any identifying information).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Crime Prevention Strategies

It is important to take a pro-active approach towards preventing crime and protecting worksite assets.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Are tools and equipment engraved or stamped with identifying marks in at least one visible and one obscure location?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are tools and equipment painted a distinctive color?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does company equipment have a visible company logo?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are employee tools marked and painted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are inventories of tools and equipment current and are identifying numbers, Product Identification Numbers, and distinctive marks noted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are delivery schedules arranged so valuable items are not left on-site overnight?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are storage containers tightly secured and in a visible spot?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have employees been screened for criminal history?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are employees aware of security measures and their role?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Site Security

Construction site assets should be secured behind barriers. Adequate barriers will deter some potential thieves and slow down others to the point where they might abandon their efforts. The site should also be open to the view of the passing public and patrolling police officers. A visible and well lighted site will help to deter most thieves who typically do not want to be seen.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Is the site adequately fenced with sturdy fencing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the fence a see through type?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the fence clear of bushes and debris that can block the view?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the fence clear of boxes or other material that could aid in climbing it?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there only one entrance/exit to the site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are gates closed and locked at nights and on weekends?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is locking hardware adequate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there sufficient lighting to illuminate critical areas such as the office trailer(s) and equipment/material storage?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is perimeter lighting arranged to reflect onto the site and not into the eyes of a patrolling officer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are light power sources well protected?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are motion-sensitive lights utilized on the job site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are security cameras used on the job site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Key Control

A company should be able to account for who has any of its keys. The number of issued keys should be kept to a minimum for better accountability.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Does the company have a key control policy in place?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are keys secured in a safe or lockable area after hours or when not in use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a key sign-out log to ensure the whereabouts of all keys?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Vehicle Security

Construction vehicles are often left unlocked and most are commonly keyed. Parking in a strategic way and immobilizing them serve as a visual deterrent to the thief. Visible markings also deter the thief as it sends a message that the equipment might be easily recoverable.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Are vehicles and heavy equipment parked at night in a way that it is difficult to move them (i.e., line or circle with blades and buckets dropped)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are vehicles and equipment visibly marked with a company logo or painted a distinctive color and stamped or engraved with an identifying number?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do vehicles have locking gas caps?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the company record VIN's on each piece of equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>