

BEST CRIME PREVENTION PRACTICES FOR HOMEBUILDERS



Protect Tools

1. Maintain an accurate tool inventory. The inventory should include make, model serial number and value. The sooner you get this information to the police, the better your chance of getting your item(s) returned.
2. Mark and identify tools. A drivers license number is the only trackable number in all 50 states. Do not use social security numbers; police do not have access to them. Painting a color on a tool makes them easily identifiable on a jobsite but police will not be able to identify tools by color.
3. Lock tools up at the end of the shift.
4. Keep tool boxes closed during the work day.
5. Regularly change locks on toolboxes, and temporary doors.



Items left unsecured advertise to a thief what you have available.



Mark lumber with a unique color and limit the amount of material stored on site particularly over weekends.

Protect the Jobsite

1. Light the site and the house. Give police and passersby an opportunity to see any unusual activity.
2. Don't block the view from windows. Even when the house is staged, keep the blinds open so police, neighbors and others can see unusual activity inside.
3. Post "No Trespassing" and CICP Reward Signs at several locations on the jobsite, including in the windows.
4. Don't park large vehicles in front of the structure or garage. Police and passersby won't be able to see inside the structure.
5. Store specialty items offsite until they are actually installed.
6. Mark ends of lumber with a unique color
7. Install video surveillance cameras and/or alarm systems as soon as possible.
8. Meet the neighbors and engage them in your crime prevention activity once they move into the neighborhood.
9. Let the police (and neighbors) know, in advance, when workers will be at the site; dayshift, nightshift, weekends.

Protect Appliances

1. Install appliances immediately when they arrive on site.
2. Record serial numbers before the appliances are installed. Serial numbers give law enforcement tools they need to recover the appliances if they are stolen.
3. Take pictures of all of the appliances. Cell phone pictures are fine. File the pictures with the serial numbers and description of the appliance.



Report Theft to Police

Report any theft, regardless of size to the police immediately. The police cannot recover what is not reported stolen.



"The Beaverton Police have experienced an increase in the reported jobsite thefts of home appliances and we are partnering with CICP to get the word out, so companies can do their part to safeguard property."

- Sgt Tim Lowman



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