



# Construction site thefts

## Key crime prevention tips

- Secure the site.
- Secure tools and equipment.

## Tools and equipment theft checklist

### Secure the site

- Lock buildings and storage containers.
- Install closed circuit television.
- Install audible alarms.
- Install good lighting.
- Employ a guard service.

### Secure tools and equipment

- Engrave or paint all tools and equipment with driver's licence number or another unique mark.
- Photograph and/or record model and serial numbers.
- Lock up all tools and equipment overnight.
- Disable equipment at night by removing the battery.
- Keep records of the movement of materials to/from site.
- Secure equipment in storage containers. Within the container also secure equipment with heavy duty padlocks or chains.

### Other things you can do

- Ask neighbours to report suspicious activities to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

## What to do if your worksite has been burgled

- Do not confront the thief. Get out or find a safe place.
- Do not touch anything.
- Call your insurance company.

### Report it

- For emergencies, to report a crime in progress, or for immediate police attendance, call Triple Zero (000).
- For non-emergencies, call the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 or report online at [www.police.vic.gov.au/police-assistance-line-and-online-reporting](http://www.police.vic.gov.au/police-assistance-line-and-online-reporting).

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