

Prince William County Police Department

Crime Prevention Unit

Construction Site

Security Survey

Company Crime Prevention Contact/Coordinator

Construction sites are often unattended at night and on weekends and police officers frequently contact people on the site during these times. Quite often the police department has to make numerous phone calls in order to track down a person who can verify if a person has a legitimate reason to be on the property. This can be time consuming and unnecessarily delay a person who has a right to be at the site, as well as tie up an officer's time. Having a list of responsible persons for a builder/developer who can provide information can expedite this process, and provide investigative leads to the officer in the event that a crime is indeed taking place. Should a construction site begin to experience problems, it is useful to have a point person who police department personnel can work with in order to try and resolve problems.

1. Has the company appointed one person in authority to be the point of contact with the police department? Yes No
2. Has the company provided the names and contact information for responsible persons during non-business hours? Yes No
3. Is there a written job site security plan in place? Yes No

Comments:

Identify/Mark Equipment, Tools and Other Assets

All assets on a construction site should be identified (marked), inventoried and tracked as closely as possible. The company should develop an identification numbering system. The recovery rate for construction equipment is as low as 10-15%, and this is because of

the inability to identify stolen construction property. Clear identification can also serve as a possible deterrent to some thieves.

4. Are tools and equipment engraved or stamped with identifying **marks** in at least one visible and one obscure location? Yes No
5. Are tools and equipment **painted** a distinctive color? Yes No
Does company equipment have a visible company logo?
6. Are employee tools **marked** and **painted**? Yes No
7. Are **inventories** of tools and equipment current and are identifying numbers, Product Identification Numbers, and distinctive marks noted? Yes No

Comments:

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.

8. Is the site adequately fenced with sturdy **fencing**? Yes No
9. Is the **fencing** at least 8' high? Yes No
10. Are **fence** posts set in concrete? Yes No
11. Is the **fence** a see through type? Is the fence clear of bushes and debris that can block the view? Yes No
12. Is the **fence** clear of boxes or other material that could aid in climbing it? Yes No
13. Is there only one entrance/exit to the site? Yes No
14. Are the hinge pins for the **gates** spot welded to prevent easy removal? Yes No

15. Is locking hardware adequate? (case hardened chains and high security padlock permanently attached to the fence) Yes No
16. Is the longest piece of equipment able to be pulled into the site without blocking the highway? Yes No
17. Are **gates** closed and locked at nights and on weekends? Yes No
18. If no fencing, are any other **barriers** or trenches in place? Yes No
19. Are employees given a place to park outside the site?
If employees park inside the site, are they given a particular area that they all park in? Yes No
20. Is there sufficient **lighting** on the site to illuminate such critical areas such as the office trailer(s) and the equipment/material storage areas? Yes No
21. Is perimeter **lighting** arranged so as to reflect onto the site and not into the eyes of a patrolling officer? Yes No
22. Are areas **illuminated** to a minimum of one foot-candle at ground level? Yes No
23. Are **light** power sources well protected? Yes No

Comments:

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.

24. Does the company have a key control policy in place? Yes No
25. Are keys secured in a safe or lockable area after hours or when not in use? Yes No
26. Is there a key sign-out log to ensure the whereabouts of all keys? Yes No
27. Are keys removed from vehicles that are not being used or when Yes No

they are stored?

Comments:

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.

28. Are vehicles and heavy equipment parked at night in a train or in a circle, with the smaller items in the middle of the train or circle? Yes No
29. Are wires or batteries removed and blades and buckets dropped in order to immobilize equipment? Yes No
30. Are vehicles and equipment visibly marked with a company logo or painted a distinctive color? Yes No
31. Are vehicles and equipment stamped or engraved with an identifying number in a visible location and at least one hidden location? Yes No
32. Any methods used to disable fuel, hydraulic, or electrical systems on equipment? Yes No
33. Does the company record VIN's on each piece of equipment? Yes No
34. Is the information on the VIN's easily retrievable? Yes No

Comments:

If you have any questions or concerns regarding security on your site contact the Prince William County Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at 703-792-7370.

