

# Loss Prevention

Take a proactive approach to loss prevention!



## Idle Construction Sites

### Idle or stopped construction sites

A construction site always presents a risk in terms of theft, vandalism and civil liability. When a site is stopped or activities are reduced, the risk increases. Certain measures can be taken to reduce these risks significantly.

The duration of the interruption, nature, and size of the site can influence measures to be taken. In each case, apply the risk control measures depending on the site in question.

#### Risks related to construction sites:

- Risk of theft of materials, tools, or equipment
- Risk in terms of civil liability
- Risk of fire

#### Risk control measures

##### Access protection

- The site should be secured using a fence that is firmly fix to the ground. All sections shall also be connected to each other.
- Lock barriers with a high security padlock, at minimum.
- If the interruption to the site will take longer, place concrete divider blocks to prevent vehicles from leaving or entering.
- Install posters indicating that access is prohibited and that there is risk of injury. If this is the case, indicate that the site is monitored.

##### Lighting of the premises

- Minimum lighting should be present at the perimeter of the site.
- In the case of an interior site (i.e. inside a building), minimum lighting should also be present to deter intruders and make it possible to see the presence of people inside.

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### Monitoring

- If possible, always monitor the premises.
- If continuous monitoring is not possible, consider the use of surveillance cameras with remote access. Patrols can also be planned a few times a day.

### Tools and Equipment

- Do not leave tools or equipment on site. If these must remain on site, lock tools inside containers.
- Use more than one container. If the tools are divided in different places, the scale of a potential robbery may be reduced.
- For mobile equipment (i.e. graders, dump trucks, etc.), the removal of certain parts (battery, spark plugs, etc.), in addition to securing vehicle keys outside the premises, can prevent someone from leaving with the vehicle.

### Materials

- As with tools, the same protective measures can be applied to materials.
- Keep the quantity of materials on site as small as possible.
- To reduce the risk of arson, do not store materials near the building or its perimeter.
- Hazardous materials such as propane cylinders, gasoline, or diesel tanks should be secured, but the location must have air circulation to reduce the risk of fire by container leakage.

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### Fire

- Shut off the building's gas supply except to maintain minimum heating when required to reduce the risk of fire in an indoor construction site.
- Cut off the power supply except for essential items such as security lighting, alarms, or surveillance systems.

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