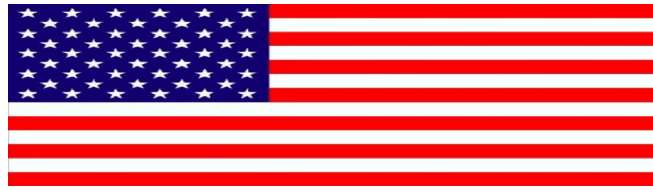


The Port St. Lucie Police Department can't take away the desire or ability to commit construction crimes. What we can do is work with construction companies to minimize the opportunities.

Construction site theft is big business, industry experts estimate that one to two percent of all construction cost (Billions) each year is a result of theft.



PARTNERS AGAINST CRIME



Consider joining the Partners Against Crime Program be informed about the latest crime patterns, emergency and risk victimization information. Pick up a form at the Police Department

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Construction Site Crime Prevention Tips



BUILDER/CONTRACTOR CONSIDERATIONS FOR CRIME PREVENTION ON THE JOB SITE

- Post no trespassing signs on the construction site. Refer to Florida State Statute 810.09 for details.
- Have a sign made (Stop Construction theft) with the following information; If you have any information about thefts from construction sites remain anonymous! Call Crime Stoppers 1-800-273-8477.
- The builder/contractor could go to occupied homes around the construction site and introduce himself/herself to the residents and ask for their help in reporting any suspicious activity to the Police Department.
- All assets on a construction site should be identified (Marked), inventoried (Records) and tracked as closely as practical.
- Employees should be strongly encouraged or even required to have their personal property engraved with an identification number (Usually driver's license number, with State, FL) and document serial numbers

- Enlist the support of employees in minimizing theft and vandalism. Explain to them the consequences that may occur with the companies insurance carrier.
- Not all thefts are from the outside so gang boxes and supply sheds should be locked at all times to avoid losses.
- When vehicular equipment is not in use, their cabs should be locked and ignition keys removed. Oil and gas tank caps should be locked.
- Have access control on the construction site.
- Have employees report any suspicious people sitting in vehicles or hanging around the construction site.
- Don't leave keys on the construction site.
- Alarm systems can be an effective means of providing security on the job site. There are portable alarms that detect motion, activate lights and sound alarms.

- The use of lighting can be a deterrent to theft and vandalism on the job site.
- Consider putting video cameras in areas of concern.
- Practice "Just In Time" delivery of materials and especially appliances. Building materials left sitting around are attractive targets for theft.
- Avoid taking delivery of materials on Fridays.
- Consider only installing appliances right before occupancy.
- Don't leave appliances in an open garage for everyone to see.
- On the back of the appliances put the builders name and the address where the appliances are being installed, also document serial numbers.
- Secure buildings before leaving especially when appliances are in them, if there is an alarm make sure it's set.