

Crime Prevention is Everyone's Business

Construction site theft and vandalism impacts everyone, not just the contractor and builder.

Taking time to prevent these crimes by making it more difficult for thieves is a first step. Making sure suspicious activity is reported to Police is the next step. And finally—when a theft or vandalism does take place, report those involved either directly to Police or anonymously through Tri Cities Crime Stoppers.

Preventing crime is everyone's responsibility.



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Construction Watch



Construction Site Theft and Vandalism Prevention

Kennewick Police Department

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Construction Site theft and vandalism costs everyone

Construction site theft and vandalism is a continuing problem in Kennewick and throughout the Tri Cities. Theft and vandalism range from destruction of landscaping of homes under construction; theft of appliances; HVAC systems and wiring as well as company and personal tools. All types of construction material are frequent targets as well.

Kennewick Police, Home Builders Association of the Tri Cities and Tri Cities Crime Stoppers have joined forces to help reduce the losses to thieves and hold those involved accountable for their actions.

Kennewick Police has started a program for contractors to register their worksites with the Police Department. This will help the Police in contacting responsible parties for job sites and also assist in providing extra patrols at active job sites. Registration can be done on line and there is no cost to participate in this program.

Tri Cities Crime Stoppers and HBA Tri Cities provide a means for anonymously reporting information on construction site theft and burglary through the Crime Stoppers Tips Line. Crime Stoppers offers a reward of up to \$1,000 for information which results in an arrest for any felony crime or wanted felon.

Register your worksite

Registering your jobsite is a quick and easy process. You can register by going to the Kennewick Police website- <http://www.ci.kennewick.wa.us/Police/CrimePrevention.asp>

After you register a jobsite you will receive additional information This includes how you can obtain metal signs to place on the jobsite as a reminder to secure all property. Also available are small posters for distribution on the job site and to adjoining homes or businesses with information on reporting suspicious activity.

Kennewick Police also monitors jobsites through random Police patrols and special patrols conducted by members of the Kennewick Police Citizen's Helping in Police Services (CHIPS). CHIPS volunteers provide extra eyes and ears to the Police Department and assist in reporting suspicious activity. CHIPS volunteers also contact adjoining businesses and homes to make them aware of your participation in Construction Watch and how they can help in this effort as well.

Metal signs like the one below are available at no charge for HBA members and a nominal fee for non members. These signs are designed to be installed around all job sites. Contact HBA of the Tri Cities at (509) 735-2745 to obtain your signs.



Reducing Theft on the Jobsite

Construction site theft is big business. Industry experts estimate that one to two percent of construction cost is as a result of theft. That amounts to Billions of dollars each year. Everyone from the potential owner, Contractors, equipment dealers, insurance companies, equipment manufacturers all suffer when job sites are vandalized or equipment and materials are stolen.

Theft and vandalism of construction sites is not new and not limited to the Tri Cities. This is a national problem that will not go away. It does require everyone to take an active role in reducing the opportunity for theft and vandalism.

Here are some areas for you to consider when dealing with construction site theft and security.

- **Sites are most vulnerable on weekends and overnight**
- **Owners/builders must be committed to stopping theft and vandalism on their sites**
- **Post signs**
- **Surveillance Cameras**
- **Access Control**
- **Equipment Security**
- **Communicate**

For more information on these and other security measures, contact Kennewick Police Crime Prevention.

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