Bismarck Police Department
Crime Prevention/Community Services

Construction Site Safety

How can I protect myself?

This information is designed to provide a guide for thinking about security and crime prevention on the construction site and will help you assess how vulnerable your site might be.

Tips for Contractors

o   Develop a written job site security policy

o   Designate one person to be responsible for security issues

o   Contact BPD for a site security survey

o   Keep your employees involved. Let them know you take a tough stance on crime

o   Control access to the job site. Consider using employee IDs with name and photo

o   Post "No Trespassing" signs indicating that violators will be prosecuted.

o   Delay delivery and installation of appliances until the pre-completion stage when doors and locks are installed

o   Conduct random visits to the site. Challenge strangers. Show that you are alert.

o   Use security lighting.

Tools and Equipment Protection

o   Mark company tools and maintain an inventory.

o   Have a system for checking out tools.

o   Lock and properly utilize storage areas and gang/lock boxes each night. Use heavy duty locks.

o   Park a piece of heavy equipment in front of storage doors.

o   Disable equipment at night by removing the battery. Don't leave keys in machinery.

o   Re-key equipment. Most construction equipment is commonly keyed.

o   Secure and lock all doors, windows and garage doors if appliances or other materials are inside.

o   Engrave or stamp an identifier on all tools.

If Theft Occurs

1.   **Do not touch anything!**

2.   Call the Police to report the loss, regardless of value.

3.   Start a list of property taken and full details of that equipment.

4.   Have one person check other locations where tools are stored to see if tampering or theft occurred. Again, **do not touch anything** if there are signs of entry or tampering.

The Bismarck Police Department wants you, your employees and your job site to be safe. By practicing these tips, you will reduce the opportunities criminals look for when targeting a job site.

For more information on personal safety please call the Bismarck Police Department Crime Prevention section at 223-1212.