

# LOSS CONTROL BULLETIN

## Commercial Property



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## *Equipment and Tool Theft*

**FACT:** It is estimated by trade and law enforcement organizations that theft of heavy equipment, tools and materials along with indirect costs causes \$1 billion in losses annually.

Theft of tools and equipment is a constant threat to contractors. Even with insurance, deductibles run hundreds if not thousands of dollars, not to mention the costs associated with job site delays. But you can take steps to make theft less likely by making your property and job site less appealing to thieves.

### **Before equipment and tools even reach the job site**

- Mark your equipment with easily visible markings (large names, numbers, colors).
- Metal stamp less visible ID numbers on the equipment. Local law enforcement may be able to provide you with a special Owner Applied Number (OAN) that will note both the state and county you live in.
- Install a theft alert system, a special kill-switch or other anti-theft device.
- Put an ID label on all power and hand tools.

### **Once on the job site**

- Remove all keys from equipment.
- Don't leave loose tools in view and remove as many as possible daily.
- Secure the job site at the end of the day. Fence, gate or block the area to discourage entry. Lock all trailers. Arrange equipment in a circle or other pattern to make attempted theft difficult. Chain equipment together.
- Post signs warning of security and surveillance.

***Remember – don't be an easy mark for thieves.  
Make your equipment and jobsite a difficult target.***

No one wants to think about suffering a loss. In the unfortunate event you do have a loss, our **ANPAC Five Star Claim Service®** is designed to provide assurance and confidence to our policyholders throughout the claims process.

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