

WHY IS TARGET HARDENING IMPORTANT?

Target hardening enhances the security of buildings under construction by making it a more difficult, and less attractive target. Developers that use target hardening to reduce or eliminate weaknesses and other vulnerabilities can lower the chance of an attack or break-in. Since unfinished buildings are easily accessible by trespassers seeking shelter, the tips provided on target hardening lower the chances for a potential of thefts, mischief and vandalism.

DISCLAIMER

The designated environment surrounding each site can have an immediate impact on whether a particular location will be a target of crime. Each site's recommendation will vary.

The target hardening tips provided in this pamphlet are general strategies on how you can strengthen your security measures and contribute to making the commission of a crime harder for a possible intruder.


For a more in-depth assessment of your respective site, please contact the Mission Crime Prevention Coordinator to set up an appointment. A "CPTED" Assessment is FREE of charge.



TARGET HARDENING FOR CONSTRUCTION SITES

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TIPS ON SECURING YOUR CONSTRUCTION SITE



Theft of machinery, equipment, tools, appliances and much more, can be a serious problem during construction of a site. Whether it is a commercial site or residential, it is important to recognize and implement proactive security measures to prevent the possibility of a crime.

Administrative Tracking

Before starting construction, schedule a meeting to discuss project details, work schedules, names of key personnel, contact information and handling expectations with equipment and machinery. Keep a log which clearly indicates who is on site for what task. A tracking avenue assists in any questions that may arise in the event of theft or vandalism.

Surveillance & Alarms

Consider installing a CCTV system to detect intrusions. Cameras should be placed in a strategic manner so that your site's entire perimeter is monitored, and there are no blind spots. Electronic Alarm systems provide effective means of security and it is recommended that alarms sound locally, to scare off a possible intruder.

Property Barrier

It is important to create perimeter barriers and provide a clear border definition of controlled spaces. Territorial reinforcement is important, as it creates a clear distinction between public v. private property. Consider putting up fencing. Fencing should be utilized to enclose the entire job site, if and where opportunity allows.

Private Security

A visible presence on site is a strong deterrent to intruders. If possible, consider private security services for after hours, when your site is unoccupied.

Lighting

Lighting plays a vital role in Crime Prevention for your respective property. Inadequate lighting for your site will make night time visibility poor and could create an entrapment spot. Consider installing or increasing lighting on your site to ensure there is adequate illumination, allowing for natural surveillance from neighborhood members or vehicles driving by. Motion activated lighting is a particularly effective deterrent.

Signage

Signage should be predominantly displayed on fencing or the perimeter of the job site. Signage discourages unauthorized intrusion onto the job site. Recommended signage for deterring access by unauthorized individuals may include language like "No Trespassing" and "Site under surveillance", as an example.

Secure Equipment

Equipment and machinery left unsecure can pose as a clear invitation for theft. Ensure there are designated areas put in place to lock up and secure all site equipment and machinery. Adding storage containers with appropriate locking mechanisms is recommended. In addition, tracking devices can be installed to certain machinery to facilitate recovery in the event of a theft. Site Managers can also engrave equipment to help with recovery if theft takes place. Remember to lock the gates in the evening and on weekends, when the site is not in use.