## REPORT BUILDING SITE CRIME

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# KEEP YOUR SITE SAFE. PREVENTING THEFT ON BUILDING SITES



### Importance of Neighbours:

Neighbours can be a big help throughout the building process by keeping an eye out for anything unusual. Get to know them, share your contact details, and ask for their assistance. You can also give them this checklist to use if they notice anything suspicious.

### **Foundation Stage**

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	Fencing	Temporary fencing can help reduce theft and vandalism. Displaying builder details and after- hours contacts on site can help the police respond quickly and identify the construction site more easily.
	Lighting	If street lighting isn't available yet, consider setting up temporary lighting to brighten the front and footpath areas of the building site.
	Co-ordinated Deliveries	To reduce theft, try to schedule deliveries of materials and goods to coincide with installation days and times. Items like windows and timber are often stolen when left unattended for too long.







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# **BUILDING SITE THEFT** CRIME PREVENTION

### **Frame Stage**

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	Site Safety	Keep footpaths clear of materials, dirt, or rubbish to avoid hazards. This helps prevent costly legal issues if someone gets injured or property is damaged.
	On-site Storage	Think about using a storage container or compound on-site to keep tools and materials secure. It's also wise to park trade vehicles within the site to protect them from theft.
	Marking of Materials	Mark all materials and timber with the company name or building site lot number for easy identification.

### Lock Up Stage

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	Windows/Door Locks	At the lock-up stage, make sure all doors and windows have quality locks and that they're all locked when the site is empty.
	Appliance Delivery	Try to arrange for the delivery of expensive appliances to coincide with their installation time.
	Access Controls	The builder or owner should keep track of all master keys and collect any that are no longer needed by tradespeople and delivery contractors as soon as possible.
	Alarms	Activate and start using the alarm system as soon as you can. Monitored alarms are recommended as they alert the police through the monitoring service.

### **Fit Out Stage**

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	Appliances	Try to delay the installation of major appliances and white goods until the latest possible stage.
	High-risk Items	High-risk items like spas and compact hot water services should be secured in a way that makes them hard to steal. Special bonding adhesives and tamper-proof metal fasteners can help deter theft.

#### Handover Stage

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	Co-ordinated Handover	Efforts should be made to speed up the handover process. A finished but unoccupied house is an attractive target for thieves. The builder should aim to hand over the keys as soon as the work is completed.
	Check Contract Items	Upon completion of the home, both the builder and purchaser should review the contract. The purchaser should request and receive the serial and model numbers of the fitted appliances and white goods.
	Property Inventory	To help prevent theft, the purchaser should mark valuable items in the home. It's a good idea to keep a record of these details on an inventory form for future reference.
	Review Security	After taking possession, the new homeowner should take a look at the security measures in place. Consider updating lock barrels, adding security lighting, and installing window locks for added safety.







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