

# LOSS PREVENTION

## Storage Compound Security

Most dealers store their large equipment in outside, fenced compounds. This type of equipment is highly valued and a HOT TARGET for thieves. They are going to great lengths to steal your equipment because they can sell it easily. Thieves have cut through and even driven over compound fences to steal equipment.

Just look around - the tools and equipment you use the most are also the same items that could be sold quickly on the black market; portable generators, welders, pressure washers, compressors, Bobcats and Skidsters are the most frequently stolen items. Many individuals and small contractors have trouble resisting a new \$5,000 piece of equipment for only \$1,000 when there is little risk of being caught.

As police response is, at times, not very quick, you need to detect the thieves quicker and slow them down so they cannot just grab your equipment and escape. How do you protect the equipment stored in the yard?

### 1. Heavy Gauge Chain Link Fencing

At least 8 feet high topped with barbed wire or razor wire (check with local authorities for restrictions).

### 2. Drive Through Barriers

Concrete barriers (2 - 3 ft. high lane dividers or large blocks) installed along the inside of the fence will prevent equipment from being removed through or over the fence. Move concrete blocks inside gate at night.

### 3. High Security Locks on All Gates

Install at least two high security padlocks with protected shackles or enclosed steel boxes that cannot be cut off with bolt cutters or hacksaws.

### 4. Yard Lighting

Should be tamper/vandal proof type activated by motion detectors.

### 5. Burglar Alarms

Should be installed in the yard or on the fence. Contacts should be installed on the gates and alarm wiring is available for the fence as well. Some dealers are using exterior motion detectors in the yard - these units can be susceptible to false alarms if they are not the proper types set to compensate for small objects such as flying paper etc.

### 6. Alarming Equipment in the Yard

Using alarmed cables (extension cord type) which are run through the units at night and plugged into alarm outlets on the building. (These outlets are wired to the building alarm system.) Cutting the cables or pulling out the plug sets off the alarms. These are also very useful to alarm equipment on display outside the store during business hours to reduce the risk of grab and run thefts.

### 7. Siren and Strobe Light

An outside siren and a strobe light connected to the alarm system and mounted on top of the building or yard pole attracts quick attention and will scare off thieves.



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