



Toolbox Talk

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Jobsite Security

This "Toolbox Talk" Safety Meeting must be completed by the designated person and his/her crew on the first day of the week. All crew members must be present and are to sign the form at the completion of the toolbox talk. As part of the safety meeting, please designate someone from the crew to complete the checklist below. The participation and cooperation of all crew members is necessary to ensure a successful safety program. Please return this sheet to the office basket with your timesheet.

FIRST AID KIT FULL

YES NO

WHAT'S MISSING

FIRE EXTINGUISHER
CHARGED & READY

YES NO

JOB NAME:

TRUCK #

Equipment theft is always a problem for contractors, but it seems to get worse when jobs are scarce and the economy has taken a downturn.

Recently there have been several pieces of equipment stolen in the Jefferson County area. (see article on back) This should serve as a reminder to us to take precautions at the end of each shift. Most of you are familiar with our procedures to prevent equipment theft. If not, please contact Todd or myself and we can discuss them with you. I'm not going to put the plan in print for someone else to discover, especially since toolbox talks are posted on our website.

Besides the large equipment we need to make sure all smaller equipment is picked up at the end of the day and taken with you or secured in a locked trailer or storage container. Any trailers left on jobsites should have a pintle lock installed. See Mike Warnecke if you need a pintle locking device and make sure you use the standard company lock to secure it.

During the day, be sure to keep your equipment and work truck within eyesight to deter theft. We have had jobs in the city where an individual attempted to steal a generator sitting on the edge of a trailer without breaking his stride as he walked past. Fortunately someone saw him and yelled out, making him drop the generator and run.

Fuel has also been a favorite item for thieves. If a fuel company such as Energy Petroleum has provided a fuel tank on-site, be sure to lock out the pump and/or nozzle overnight and on weekends. It might be someone else's tank and pump, but we have paid for the fuel it contains.

If there are hazards on the job at the end of the shift such as open excavations, be sure to make other aware of the hazards by flagging or signage and take whatever steps you can to secure the hazards so that it becomes difficult for an individual to encounter the hazard. Although we can't keep everyone from entering a jobsite if they really want to, we can limit our liability by posting signs and doing our best to prevent access.

Jobsite specific hazards discussed

Attendance

JEFFERSON COUNTY, MO (KTVI-FOX2now.com)—

Thieves are making off with tons of valuable construction equipment in Jefferson County. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department reports four large dozers and back hoes are missing from four construction sites, two in the DeSoto area and two at a road project along Lions Den Road off Old 21.

The thefts will eventually cost taxpayers in higher road construction costs and developers in higher building costs as property insurance rates climb. Police and contractors suspect most of the items stolen already had a buyer interested in the particular piece of equipment.

The large construction equipment carries identification numbers but does not come with a title like a motor vehicle does. That makes it easier for thieves to sell since there is no legal document that must accompany the item. Copyright

Goodwin Brothers, a construction firm from Crystal City lost a 2004 Caterpillar dozer with a blade for grading roadways recently. It disappeared over a weekend or early in the week when rain halted construction work. "We do try to block our equipment in and protect it as much as we can, but unfortunately this isn't the only time we've been hit," said Erick Hermann, Project Superintendent on the Lion Den Phase Three road work.

Fred Weber Company had a 2003 Caterpillar high lift taken from its work site near Old 21 along Lions Den. A 2003 T300 Bobcat Skid Steer disappeared from a road construction site near 67 and 110. Thieves also stole a 2004 [John Deere](#) 310 SG back hoe from a building construction site near Highway 21 and 110.

Hermann and Jefferson County Sheriff's Department Captain Ronald Arnhart urged citizens to report any unusual movement of equipment even during daylight. Much of it must be loaded onto heavy duty trailers to be moved. You can contact the contractor directly or call 9-1-1.

If you saw any suspicious movement of construction equipment this month, call the Jefferson Co. Sheriff's Tip Line at 636-797-5515.