



An Garda Síochána

Crime Prevention Advice on plant equipment
and machinery from sites.

Crimes have occurred where plant equipment and machinery has been stolen from sites. Quite often it is not missed or reported to the Gardaí for days or even longer.

Extra vigilance is required where plant machinery is located near Automated Teller Machines (ATM's).

Much of the crime can be prevented through greater vigilance and implementing standard security practices:

Machinery and Plant

- Machinery and plant equipment should be parked in a well-lit area inside a secure compound when not in use.
- Make sure plant cannot be started when it is not in use.
- Consider installing GPS tracking system on equipment.
- Trackers can provide immediate warning of plant movement and location, which can reduce the potential of being used in criminal activity and increase recovery of the plant machinery.
- An advantage of immobilisation systems is that they are usually automatically set after the engine has been switched off without the user having to take any action.
- Ignition keys should be removed and immobilisers fitted and utilised.
- Security locks and or ground fixings are also available for additional security.
- The distribution of keys should be kept to a minimum and individual employees made responsible for their safe keeping.
- When keys are not required, they should be locked in a secure Key Safe kept in the Control/Security Office.
- When taking delivery of machinery/plant from a hire company, ensure that a designated member of staff is responsible for accepting the delivery and completing the necessary documentation.

Photograph machinery and tools.

- Take a clear photograph of the machinery or plant.
- Keep a register of the make, serial number, chassis number, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), colour and any unusual features on equipment.
- Indicate the type of property marking and where applied on the item.



Site Security

- Erect perimeter fencing or hoardings along the entire site.
- Install steel compounds to secure plant machinery and materials.
- Portable weldmesh fencing panels should be used in town centres.
- The number of entrance gates to the site should be kept to a minimum to control persons and vehicles entering and exiting.
- Temporary security alarm systems should also be used.

Lighting

- Security lighting should be designed so that the intruder can be seen from outside the site.
- Synchronise security lights to the alarm.
- Where CCTV is considered necessary, lighting should be arranged accordingly.

Reporting a crime

- If heavy plant machinery is observed on the move late at night or in the early hours of the morning, it possibly may be stolen.
- Report any unusual movement of plant machinery and tractors to Gardaí.
- Contact your local Garda Station as soon as possible.
- For further information, contact local Garda Crime Prevention Officer.
- Check www.garda.ie for further crime prevention advice.



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