Wheel locks or immobilizers on smaller-wheeled vehicles, generators or compressors and pickup trucks.

Non-removable, weather-proof identification on all heavy equipment.

Lojack or Teltrac Systems in heavy equipment.

Consider:

Welding the company name onto equipment.

Die-stamping the name of the company owning the equipment underneath the serial number on each piece of equipment.

Die-casting the company name in two (2) or more hidden areas on each piece of equipment.

Gating and locking vehicle entrances into the residential development during evenings and weekends.

Enforcing reasonable start-end times for all construction that coincides with municipal code and considers the effects of construction on new residents. If start times are consistent and enforced, police patrols will be more effective and residents will be more likely to recognize suspicious activity and report any persons on the site after normal hours.
The theft of machinery, equipment, tools, appliances, furnishings, and material supplies from construction sites can be a serious problem. Although most contractors are insured for this type of loss, insurance costs are increasing. Annually, it is a billion dollar problem.

Residential construction presents unique protection challenges. In a new residential development, homes are built at different places and at different times. Seldom are the home building sites enclosed.

What is Typically Stolen?

- **Heavy equipment** - backhoes, ditch witches, mortar mixers, trailers
- **Materials** - lumber, drywall, copper, tile, brick, landscaping
- **Hand and power tools**
- **Appliances and furnishings** - air conditioners, kitchen appliances, carpeting, light fixtures, cabinets, etc.

### Residential Development Crime Prevention Suggestions

- Have a pre-construction crime prevention meeting with the developer, builders and the Arvada Police Department. Discuss possible crime prevention initiatives and encourage active participation.
- Provide night time and weekend security officers until the residential development is substantially completed.
- Form a Neighborhood Watch program and encourage residents in new homes to watch homes under construction. For some residential developments, the initial construction phase may be the most vulnerable time for theft and loss.
- Have wooden construction packages marked immediately with bright paint. Do not let one site use materials specified for another site without written authorization.
- Increase lighting during off hours.
- Ensure employees know the boss is paying attention.
- Schedule supplies as needed, keep good records, practice effective inventory management.
- Secure construction site perimeter.
- Use theft deterrents and proven recovery systems.

### On-Site Heavy Equipment Recommendations:

- **Remove:**
  - Keys from equipment (ignition) when not in use.
  - Ignition wires or the battery and lower all blades/buckets to help immobilize large equipment.
- **Install:**
  - Theft prevention devices to disable fuel, hydraulic and/or electrical systems in heavy equipment.