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10 Safety Tips for Protecting Plant, Equipment & Tools on Building Sites

1. Stamp or engrave your driver's licence number on all tools, equipment and plant. This will help in identifying the owner of recovered equipment.
2. Paint your logo or identifying marks on the roof or rollover-protection devices of equipment. This will help police spot equipment from the air.
3. Spray-paint small tools, ladders, cords, etc. with a distinctive colour for easy identification and die-stamp them with an ID number where possible.
4. Disable all equipment at night by removing the battery or using a similar method.
5. Remove any piles of debris before leaving the site. Debris piles provide a place for small tools or materials to be stashed unnoticed for later retrieval.
6. Remove all tools from the job site or lock them in a storage container with a proper heavy-duty padlock. Park a piece of heavy equipment in front of the door.
7. Park equipment in wagon train formation, with more mobile equipment in the centre and heavier or less valuable equipment on the outer.
8. Engage all earthmoving attachments (buckets, augers, etc.) into the ground. This makes the equipment more difficult to move without starting up the engine.
9. Keep stacks of timber or other materials away from perimeter fencing. Ensure that the outside of perimeter fencing is kept clear of objects that would help a trespasser climb over the fence.
10. If you are new in an area, identify yourself to the local police. Let them know who you are, when and where you will be working, and how to get in touch with you if they should spot a problem. Also introduce yourself to any surrounding neighbours.