BUILDING SITE THEFT

Building sites can be a target for the theft of building materials, electrical items and tools. Some of the most common items stolen include:

- timber
- copper piping
- electrical cable and wiring
- windows and doors
- bathroom fittings
- kitchen appliances and fittings
- hot water systems
- air conditioning units
- trade tools.

To reduce your chances of becoming a victim of theft, please consider the following crime prevention security tips:

- Key lock doors and windows.
- Aim to have goods delivered and installed on the same day.
- Check delivery of materials when you receive them. Report any damage or shortfalls to the delivery person and/or site manager.
- Consider marking building materials with microdot technology or spray paint to make them less attractive to thieves.
- Arrange for materials to be stored securely and out of general view.
- Use anti-theft brackets on fixtures such as hot water systems.
- Remove key components from items at risk of theft and display a notice to this effect on the items.
- Don’t leave packaging from expensive items lying around the site.
- Consider using CCTV, covert patrols or private security.
- Contact neighbouring properties (including businesses) and encourage occupants to report suspicious behaviour.
- Be aware of people loitering or removing materials from building sites.
- Be alert to vehicles near building sites that have obscured or missing number plates.
- Report all suspicious behaviour to the police assistance line on 131 444.

For more crime prevention tips, please contact your local police station or visit www.police.sa.gov.au

South Australia Police (SAPOL) is committed to working in partnership with the community to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime to ensure that South Australia is a safe place to live, visit and do business.