



**SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE**  
KEEPING SA SAFE

PREVENTING  
CRIME

## 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](http://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.



## BUSINESS SECURITY