



Intact Inland Marine

Contractors Equipment Safety Tips

Can your insureds continue to operate if their equipment is stolen or out of service? Claims resulting from theft, insufficient equipment maintenance, and operator error are on the rise. With the construction industry booming, equipment is in high demand and more susceptible to theft. Longer work days and hours means more wear and tear on equipment, and normally scheduled maintenance can often be overlooked. And because the construction market is so competitive, your insureds may be hiring operators who lack the necessary skill sets.

The following are recommended steps to help prevent your customers' equipment from being taken out of service:

Maintenance

- Inspect equipment daily and document inspections using a checklist.
- Perform preventative maintenance on a scheduled basis as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Verify maintenance and repairs are being serviced by qualified mechanics.

Operators

- Verify operators are properly trained for the specific piece of equipment they handle/operate.
- Before a new hire is allowed to operate equipment, conduct a physical exam and drug test.
- Crane operators should be NCCCO Certified.

Theft Prevention

- Lock equipment at the end of the day and control the issuance of keys.
- When possible, store equipment in fenced and lighted areas.

- Use electronic supervision mechanisms such as Tattletale to secure equipment.
- Consider registering your equipment with a national database such as the National Equipment Register.
- Consider installing GPS on high valued equipment or on equipment frequently targeted by thieves.
- Verify serial numbers are being provided and maintained on each piece of equipment for unique identification.

Transport/Load Securement

- Verify only qualified equipment operators load and unload equipment on transport trailers.
- Provide load securement training for all transport drivers.
- Complete a transport vehicle pre-trip inspection.
- Complete advance route scheduling for determining road conditions and possible road hazards/obstructions.



Additionally, we're pleased to offer our customers enhanced protection through NER's secure HELPtch[®] database, and the use of security technology through Tattletale to secure equipment. We will also provide an equipment inspection checklist for your client's heavy machinery.

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