



Equipment Yard Security Checklist

After-Hours Protection Checklist for Equipment Yards, Storage Yards, and Outdoor Assets

Equipment yards, storage yards, material yards, laydown yards, and outdoor assets can become vulnerable after hours, on weekends, and during holidays. Use this checklist to review gates, fencing, lighting, camera placement, high-value assets, mobile surveillance coverage, and response steps before an incident happens.

A secure yard should be hard to enter, easy to monitor, and able to prove what happened if something goes wrong.

1. Perimeter and Access Control

Start with the basics. If the perimeter is weak, everything inside the yard becomes easier to target.

- ☐ Inspect the full fence line for gaps, damage, or weak points
- ☐ Confirm all main gates are locked after closing
- ☐ Check secondary gates and temporary access points
- ☐ Limit the number of active entrances and exits
- ☐ Remove objects that could help someone climb the fence
- ☐ Use warning signs at gates and high-risk access points
- ☐ Keep a record of who has keys, codes, or gate access
- ☐ Confirm gates are checked before weekends and holidays

2. High-Value Assets to Protect First

Prioritize the assets that are expensive, easy to move, easy to resell, or critical to operations.

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| ☐ Heavy equipment | ☐ Tools and small equipment |
| ☐ Skid steers, loaders, lifts, and excavators | ☐ Attachments and parts |
| ☐ Trucks and fleet vehicles | ☐ Storage containers and job boxes |
| ☐ Trailers | ☐ Batteries and vehicle parts |
| ☐ Generators | ☐ Solar or utility site equipment |
| ☐ Fuel tanks | ☐ Commercial outdoor assets |
| ☐ Copper, wiring, and high-value materials | ☐ Anything close to an easy exit |

3. Lighting and Visibility

Good lighting makes the yard look active, helps cameras capture clearer footage, and reduces hidden activity.

- ☐ Light main gates and secondary gates
- ☐ Add lighting near fuel tanks
- ☐ Light storage containers and trailer parking areas
- ☐ Check equipment rows and material stacks after dark
- ☐ Review loading zones and delivery areas
- ☐ Identify dark corners and blind spots
- ☐ Trim or clear anything blocking sightlines
- ☐ Test lights before weekends and holidays
- ☐ Confirm lighting helps cameras capture usable footage
- ☐ Review lighting after yard layout changes

4. Camera Placement and Video Coverage

Camera placement should be based on risk, not convenience. The goal is to record useful footage, not just video.

- ☐ Main gate
- ☐ Secondary gate
- ☐ Fence line
- ☐ Fuel tanks
- ☐ Equipment rows
- ☐ Trailer parking
- ☐ Storage containers
- ☐ Material stacks
- ☐ Loading zones
- ☐ Parking areas
- ☐ Dark corners
- ☐ Blind spots
- ☐ Illegal dumping areas
- ☐ Adjacent access points
- ☐ Areas hidden from the road
- ☐ Areas blocked by vehicles or containers

5. Mobile Surveillance Trailer Coverage

A mobile surveillance trailer or solar surveillance trailer should be placed where it creates the strongest visibility, deterrence, and recorded evidence.

- ☐ Place the trailer where the mast and cameras are clearly visible
- ☐ Confirm cameras cover gates, fuel areas, equipment rows, and containers
- ☐ Verify camera angles after equipment or materials move
- ☐ Check that security lights illuminate high-risk areas
- ☐ Confirm recorded footage is available and easy to review
- ☐ Confirm remote video monitoring or remote access is working
- ☐ Check solar, battery, and cellular connectivity if applicable
- ☐ Move or add coverage when the yard layout changes

6. Yard Organization and Theft Deterrence

A yard that looks forgotten becomes an easier target. Keep the property organized, visible, and clearly monitored.

- ☐ Keep equipment organized in monitored zones
- ☐ Move high-value assets away from easy exits
- ☐ Lock trailers, containers, job boxes, and fuel areas
- ☐ Keep material stacks visible and organized
- ☐ Remove unnecessary hiding places
- ☐ Use visible cameras and signage
- ☐ Keep access lanes clear for review and response
- ☐ Check for repeated issues like dumping, trespassing, or fuel loss

7. After-Hours Risk Review

Before closing the yard, especially before weekends or holidays, review the most common risk points.

- ☐ Are all gates locked?
- ☐ Are containers and trailers locked?
- ☐ Are fuel tanks secured?
- ☐ Are high-value assets visible on camera?
- ☐ Are dark corners covered by lighting or cameras?
- ☐ Are materials staged too close to an exit?
- ☐ Are temporary access points secured?
- ☐ Is the mobile surveillance trailer positioned correctly?
- ☐ Can managers review footage remotely if needed?
- ☐ Does the team know what to do if an incident occurs?

8. Incident Documentation and Response

If theft, vandalism, trespassing, dumping, fuel loss, or equipment damage happens, document it clearly and preserve useful evidence.

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| ☐ Secure the yard and prevent additional access | ☐ Note which gate, fence line, or area was used |
| ☐ Save footage from before, during, and after the incident | ☐ Notify the project manager or operations team |
| ☐ Document the date and time the issue was discovered | ☐ Notify police or insurance when needed |
| ☐ Record the affected equipment, materials, or property | ☐ Repair weak points such as gates, fencing, locks, or lighting |
| ☐ Take photos of damage, entry points, and affected areas | ☐ Adjust camera placement or mobile surveillance coverage |

9. Quick Camera Placement Guide

Area to Monitor	Why It Matters
Main gate	Shows primary entry and exit
Secondary gate	Covers alternate access
Fence line	Helps identify trespassing or breaches
Fuel tanks	Helps monitor fuel theft or tampering
Equipment rows	Protects high-value machinery
Trailer parking	Documents trailer movement or break-ins
Storage containers	Protects tools, parts, and materials
Material stacks	Documents theft or movement
Loading zones	Confirms deliveries and pickups
Parking areas	Shows vehicles and after-hours movement
Dark corners	Reduces hidden activity
Blind spots	Helps close security gaps
Illegal dumping areas	Documents unauthorized dumping
Adjacent access points	Covers risk from neighboring properties

10. Final Reminder

Equipment yards and outdoor assets are too valuable to leave unprotected after hours. The strongest protection comes from layered security: controlled access, lighting, visible cameras, mobile surveillance trailers, recorded footage, remote video monitoring, and a clear response plan.

When your yard is closed, your security should still be working.

Need Help Reviewing Your Yard Coverage?

Jobsite Sentry helps protect equipment yards, storage yards, laydown yards, material yards, commercial lots, fenced properties, and outdoor assets with mobile surveillance units, recorded footage, remote visibility, and flexible coverage.

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Find out where gates, lighting, cameras, mobile surveillance trailers, and remote video monitoring should be placed to better protect your yard.

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