



Jobsite Video Evidence Checklist

What to Capture, Save, and Document After a Jobsite Incident

A jobsite incident can create confusion fast. Whether it involves theft, vandalism, trespassing, equipment damage, delivery disputes, or suspicious after-hours activity, your team needs clear video evidence and a simple response process.

Use this checklist to review what your cameras should capture, what footage should be saved, and what details should be documented after an incident.

1. Key Areas Your Cameras Should Capture

Entry and Exit Points

- Main gate
- Secondary gate
- Temporary access points
- Driveway entrance
- Pedestrian access points
- Fence openings or weak spots

High-Value Asset Areas

- Equipment zones
- Material storage areas
- Fuel tanks
- Tool containers
- Storage trailers
- Office trailers
- Generators
- Vehicle parking areas

Activity and Movement Areas

- Delivery zones
- Loading and unloading areas
- Parking areas
- Internal drive paths
- Subcontractor work zones
- After-hours movement areas

Blind Spots and Risk Areas

- Dark corners
- Back fence lines
- Areas hidden from the road
- Areas blocked by containers or equipment
- Lighting gaps
- Perimeter weak spots

2. Footage to Save After an Incident

Do not only save the exact moment of the incident. Save footage from before, during, and after the event so your team can understand the full timeline.

Save Footage From:

- 1 to 2 hours before the incident
- The full incident window
- 1 to 2 hours after the incident
- Gate activity before and after the event
- Vehicle movement near the affected area
- Equipment or material movement
- Any camera angle showing the entry or exit point

Important Details to Look For:

- Time of entry
- Time of exit
- Gate or fence line used
- Vehicle type
- Trailer involvement

- Direction of travel
- Number of people involved
- Tools or equipment used
- Assets touched, moved, damaged, or removed

3. Incident Documentation Checklist

After reviewing footage, document the incident clearly.

Record These Details:

- Date of incident
- Time of incident
- Time the incident was discovered
- Person who discovered the incident
- Location on the jobsite
- Entry point used
- Affected equipment, materials, or property
- Estimated damage or loss
- Police report number, if applicable
- Insurance claim number, if applicable
- Footage saved and file location
- Photos taken
- Team members notified
- Security changes made after review

4. Who to Notify

Depending on the incident, your team may need to notify the right people quickly.

Notify When Needed:

- Project manager
- Site superintendent
- Property owner or client
- Security provider
- Police department
- Insurance carrier
- Equipment rental company
- Subcontractors involved

- Delivery vendor
- Internal operations team

5. Questions Your Footage Should Help Answer

Strong video evidence should help your team answer the most important questions after an incident.

- Who entered the site?
- What time did the activity happen?
- Which gate, fence line, or access point was used?
- Was a vehicle involved?
- Was a trailer involved?
- What equipment or materials were targeted?
- Did the incident happen after hours?
- Was the activity theft, vandalism, trespassing, accidental damage, or a delivery issue?
- Was a subcontractor or vendor in the area?
- Did camera placement or lighting need improvement?

6. After-Incident Security Review

After every incident, review your security setup and close the gaps.

Review These Items:

- Were cameras pointed at the right areas?
- Was the footage clear enough to use?
- Was the lighting strong enough?
- Was the gate locked properly?
- Was the fence line secure?
- Were valuable assets too close to an exit?
- Were blind spots left uncovered?
- Should a mobile surveillance unit be moved or added?
- Should remote video monitoring be improved?
- Does the team need a better response process?

7. Quick Camera Placement Guide

Area to Capture	Why It Matters
Main gate	Shows who entered and exited
Secondary gate	Covers alternate access points
Fence line	Helps identify trespassing or breaches
Equipment zone	Protects high-value machinery
Material storage	Documents theft, movement, or delivery issues
Fuel area	Helps monitor fuel theft or tampering
Office trailer	Protects documents, tools, and site management areas
Tool container	Documents break-ins or unauthorized access
Parking area	Shows vehicles and after-hours movement
Delivery zone	Confirms deliveries and material placement
Blind spots	Reduces hidden activity
Lighting gaps	Helps improve future visibility

8. Final Reminder

A jobsite incident is easier to manage when your team has clear footage, saved evidence, and a simple response process.

Do not wait until after something happens to realize your cameras missed the most important area.

When something happens on-site, proof matters.

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