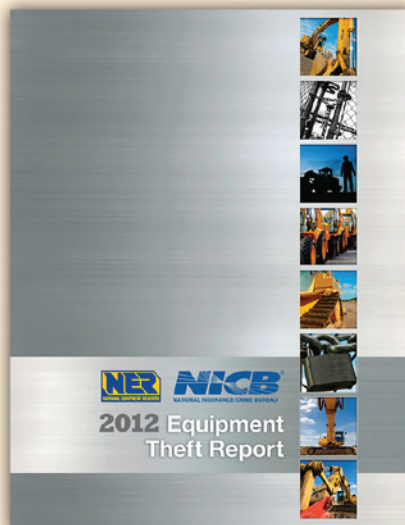


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2012 Equipment Theft Report Available Soon



The National Equipment Register (NER) and National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) 2012 Equipment Theft Report will be available soon. This comprehensive report is based primarily on data the NICB drew from the National Crime Information Center's (NCIC) database of more than 10,000 thefts of construction and farm equipment in 2012 and information reported to ISO ClaimSearch®. As in the past, the 2012 report seeks to answer key questions: Who steals heavy equipment, and how do they do it? How much and what types of equipment do they steal? Where do they steal equipment from, and where does it go?

You can find the 2012 Equipment Theft Report at www.ner.net soon.

NER HELPtech 2.0 Launch

NER has updated our HELPtech® equipment database. The database now features greater functionality and



provides a better way for insurers and clients to share registration, theft, and recovery information. These improvements help expedite the existing theft deductible waiver incentive process that is offered by many insurers to their clients who register equipment with HELPtech. The upgraded HELPtech version is up and running, performing our core function of combating heavy equipment theft by providing accurate and understandable machine identification details.

We have also gone a step further and introduced IRONwatch, an NER backed telematics device with no monthly fees that can be monitored via the database.

Other enhancements that are being implemented include greater fleet management capabilities, emissions regulations compliance data, manufacturer information, and integration with our IRONcheck equipment background and valuation services.

In order to connect with HELPtech, existing users will need to log in using their current user ID and password. Then they will need to update their user ID to a valid email once they enter the account management portion of the database.

For HELPtech assistance please contact an NER analyst at (866) 663-7872.

I found a really good deal on a piece of equipment...

If you're about to buy a piece of equipment at a price that seems too good to be true, proceed with caution. While the deal could be legitimate, you should take the following steps before handing over payment.

1. Ask a few questions.

You should inquire about the history of the unit and find out why it is being sold. If the seller is hesitant to respond to these questions, then you should think twice about purchasing the unit.

2. Ask for pictures of the unit's PIN plate.

The Product Identification Number (PIN) plate contains a combination of numbers and/or letters that is generally unique to that piece of equipment. If the PIN plate is missing or appears to be altered in some way, it may possibly be a sign that it was stolen.

3. Purchase an IRONcheck equipment history report.

A comprehensive IRONcheck equipment history search can provide you with equipment theft and owner records, insurance claim history information, and UCC history information. The report also confirms the accuracy of the unit's information as provided. This step has the potential to save you thousands of dollars by providing a means for a used equipment buyer to perform a due diligence check before making a large investment on a piece of equipment. For information on IRONcheck, visit www.ner.net.

Always bear in mind that if you purchase a piece of stolen equipment, it could be seized from you by authorities. You will lose your investment, and you may be the subject of a police investigation. None of these consequences are worth the money you might save on a crooked deal.

NER at the NE-IAATI Conference

In May, NER analysts attended the Northeast International Association of Auto Theft Investigators' (NE-IAATI) 2013 training seminar. At this event, NER staff taught law enforcement how to identify suspicious equipment. The officers also learned how to operate the machinery, which could be necessary during the course of a recovery of a stolen machine. If your agency is interested in sponsoring a training course regarding equipment identification and recovery, please contact NER at 866-663-7872.



NER Analysts demonstrate heavy equipment operation to law enforcement officers.



Top Ten States for Equipment Theft in 2012

Rank	State	Thefts
1	Texas	1,401
2	North Carolina	1,037
3	Florida	890
4	California	686
5 (tie)	Georgia	595
5 (tie)	South Carolina	595
7	Tennessee	474
8	Oklahoma	358
9	Missouri	319
10	Ohio	308

The top four states account for 37% of all thefts. The top ten states account for 61% of all thefts.

NOTES

1. Although equipment thefts occurred in every state, the top four states accounted for 37% of the total number of thefts in 2012. In 2011, the top five states accounted for 40%.
2. Source is the 10,925 equipment theft reports captured by NCIC during 2012.

Contact NER

Equipment owners:

1-866-346-3746,
option 2
info@ner.net



www.StopEquipmentTheft.com

Report a theft: www.ner.net
or fax to 201-469-2027

Sign up for theft alerts:
dmoosman@ner.net

Insurance professionals:

1-866-346-3746,
option 3, then option 6
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Web: www.ner.net

Law enforcement:

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