


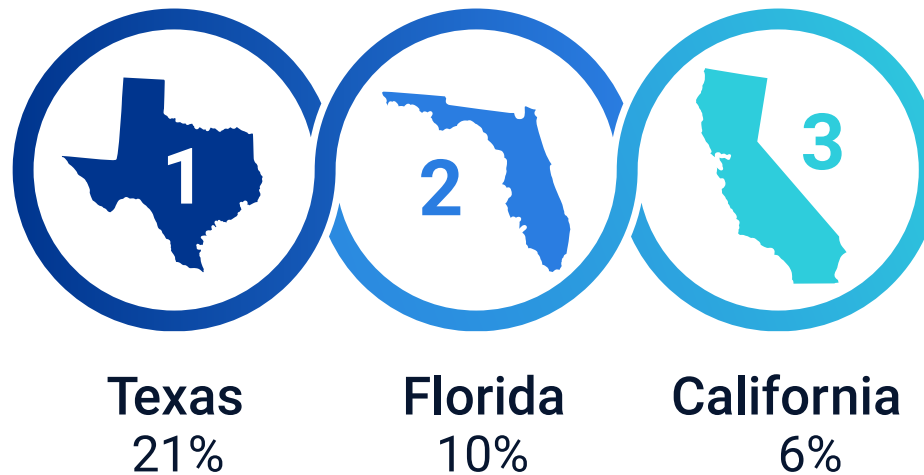


Over the last five years, there has been a rise in theft incidents reported to the NER® during the Memorial Day holiday. Here is a snapshot of the events, including theft by state, equipment type, location type, brand and loss value from the Thursday before Memorial Day to the Wednesday after.

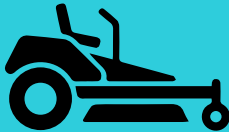


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Equipment Theft Incidents Reported

- Top Targeted Location Type**
-  1. Worksite
 -  2. Dealership
 -  3. Storage

TOP 3 TARGETED STATES



Total Loss Value \$7,739,056

- Top Targeted Equipment Type**
-  1. Mower
 -  2. Skid Steer
 -  3. Utility Vehicle

- Top 5 Brands Stolen**
-  **#1 (24%)**
 -  **JOHN DEERE #2 (21%)**
 -  **CAT® #3 (7%)**
 -  **Bobcat® #4 (4%)**
 -  **TORO® #5 (3%)**

NER® wishes all our clients and Law Enforcement partners a happy and safe Memorial Day. We also encourage everyone to take steps to make it a crime-free holiday.

The Memorial Day holiday is often one of the most active periods for equipment theft nationwide, as demand for equipment ramps up prior to the summer. All areas should consider equipment theft to be a threat just before and over the holiday.

The infographic shows that job site and dealer yard burglaries over the holiday are always an issue. 2020 and 2021 also saw an increase of machine thefts from storage locations including contractor's shop yards and agricultural outbuildings.

Equipment rental fraud and conversion thefts plagued the industry since a surge in 2018. Thus far in 2022, reports to NER indicate this trend is not stopping, and outright thefts from rental business yards add another dimension to the problem. NER anticipates that fraudsters and "smash and grab" thieves will be active throughout the spring, and particularly leading into and over the holiday weekend.

Try to do something proactive to prevent equipment crimes. Small steps and minor attention to details may be all it takes to deter an opportunistic thief. Below are a few fundamentals for both law enforcement and equipment owners.

Please report any theft or fraud to [NER online](#), or email NER at info@ner.net.

Equipment Crime Warning Signs

NER asks both Law Enforcement and the Industry to be watchful of activity that seems out of place:

- Trucks parked at job sites, rental yards and dealerships that do not belong to the company; especially box vans, U-hauls and enclosed race-car hauler type trailers.
- Vehicles parked in vacant lots and parking lots adjoining closed industry businesses, especially with occupants loitering in the area.
- Gates left open at industry facilities when it's clear the facility is shut down.
- Late night or early morning activity inside a yard, construction site, farm or store throughout the holiday.
- Overloaded trucks and improperly secured equipment transported throughout the holiday.

Law Enforcement personnel are encouraged to verify ownership or rental status on any equipment in-transit as it may be an undiscovered theft. Contact NICB 24 hours a day for access to NER's equipment ownership registration data and fleet records 800-447-6282.

Industry personnel are encouraged to contact local Law Enforcement (911) about any suspicious activity; being in the industry you know when something does not seem right - *don't let it go*.

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Be Proactive - A few ideas for both the Industry and Law Enforcement.

Industry

- Use the [NER Spring Crime Prevention Tune-Up](#) to make security a part of pre-season preparations.
- Ensure alarms and lighting are all operating properly. A high number of false alarms may be a test of your responsiveness; watch for vehicles "casing" your property.
- Test cameras in daylight and after dark to confirm you capture usable images of license plates, faces, and vehicles.
- Don't assume that fences and gates provide a complete barrier to adjoining businesses and vacant land. Walk your fence line to be sure everything is intact. Thieves have partially cut fence posts or stack materials near a wall in preparation.
- Move light or highly targeted equipment into service bays and away from the fence.
- Do not stage machines and trucks in a way that they provide cover to thieves.
- Contact neighboring businesses, especially those which will be open during the holiday; raise their awareness so that thefts in progress are reported to 911. Be sure they have your emergency contact information.
- Designate someone to check up on the facility at different times during the holiday. Random activity at your location could spoil a thief's planning.
- Don't leave ANYTHING on a trailer. Secure any trailers, whether loaded or not, so that thieves cannot use them to steal your equipment.

Law Enforcement

- Confirm that patrol and dispatch personnel are aware of the heightened equipment theft threat, have a fundamental understanding of how to spot an equipment theft, and how to contact NICB for assistance at 800-447-6282.
- NICB can provide NER's equipment ownership registration information on machines, including most rental equipment.
- NER maintains emergency contact information for owners, fleets and rental companies whose equipment is registered with NER.
- NCIC cannot confirm a machine is NOT STOLEN. Contact NICB for NER ownership registration on any suspicious machine that come back negative for theft and verify its status with the owner.
- Law Enforcement may access NER's owner registration data online. Register for free by clicking "Register" at <https://application.ner.net/NER>.

Review your fleet inventory on NER:

- Update new equipment.
- Physically verify serial numbers/PINs with what is on the machine ID plate was accurately recorded in your records.
- Update your NER fleet registration and be sure your emergency contact details are accurate on your NER registration.
- If you have difficulty logging in, call an NER analyst 866-663-7872, or email info@ner.net.