

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

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Equipment Theft Incidents Reported

Top Targeted Location Type



1. Worksite

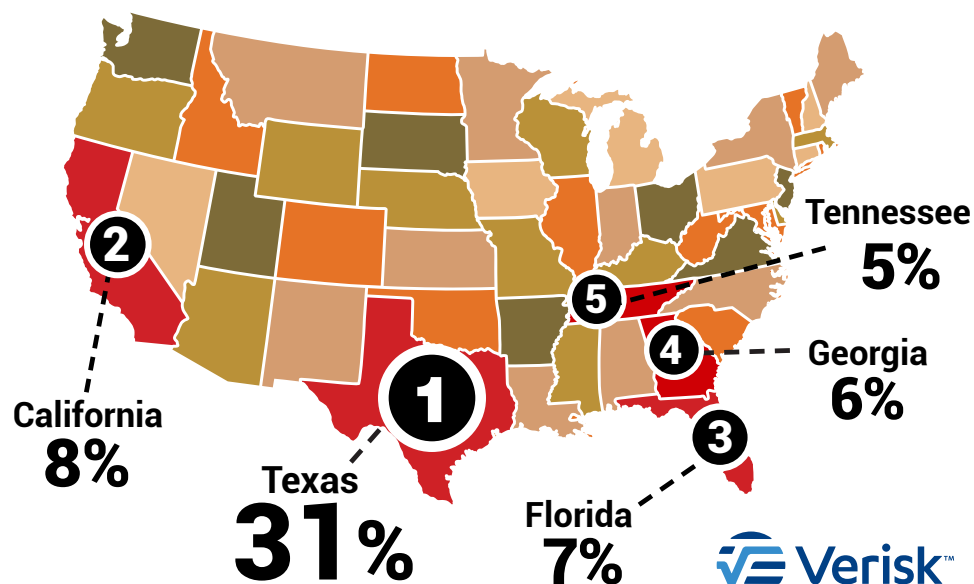


2. Storage



3. Dealership

Top 5 Targeted States



Total Loss Value: \$5,346,131

Top Targeted Equipment Type



1. Skid Steer



2. Utility Cart/Vehicle



3. Mower

Top 5 Brands Stolen

Kubota

#1
(28%)



JOHN DEERE

#2
(21%)

CAT

#3
(10%)



Bobcat

#4
(5%)

TAKEUCHI

#5
(3%)

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

Industry

- Confirm that alarms and lighting are all operating properly. Test cameras in daylight and after dark- are you getting usable images of license plates, faces, and vehicles?
- False alarms may be thieves testing your responsiveness; watch for vehicles "casing" your property and alert local Police.
- Confront any unauthorized subjects on your site. Make it clear you are watchful and quick to respond.
- Confirm that fences and gates provide a complete barrier to adjoining businesses and vacant land. Walk your fence line to be sure nothing has been tampered with and address vulnerable points of access or cover.
- Move light or highly targeted equipment into service bays or more secure areas of the site.
- Avoid staging large machines and trucks where they would provide cover to thieves.
- Communicate with neighboring businesses, especially those which will be open during the holiday; raise their awareness so that thefts in progress are recognized. Be sure their staff 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.
- Review your fleet inventory on NER: Update new equipment. Physically verify that serial numbers/PINs on the machine ID plate are accurately recorded in your records.
- Update your NER fleet registration to confirm your emergency contact details are accurate. If you have difficulty logging in, call an NER analyst 866-663-7872, or email info@ner.net.

Law Enforcement

- Ensure that personnel are aware of the heightened equipment theft threat the holiday presents, and how to contact NICB for assistance at 800-447-6282. NICB can provide NER's equipment ownership registration information, equipment finance data, theft reports and equipment identification information.
- 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 comes back negative for theft, and verify its status with the owner.
- Law Enforcement may access NER's searchable owner registration data online. Register for free by clicking "Register" at <https://application.ner.net>



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