



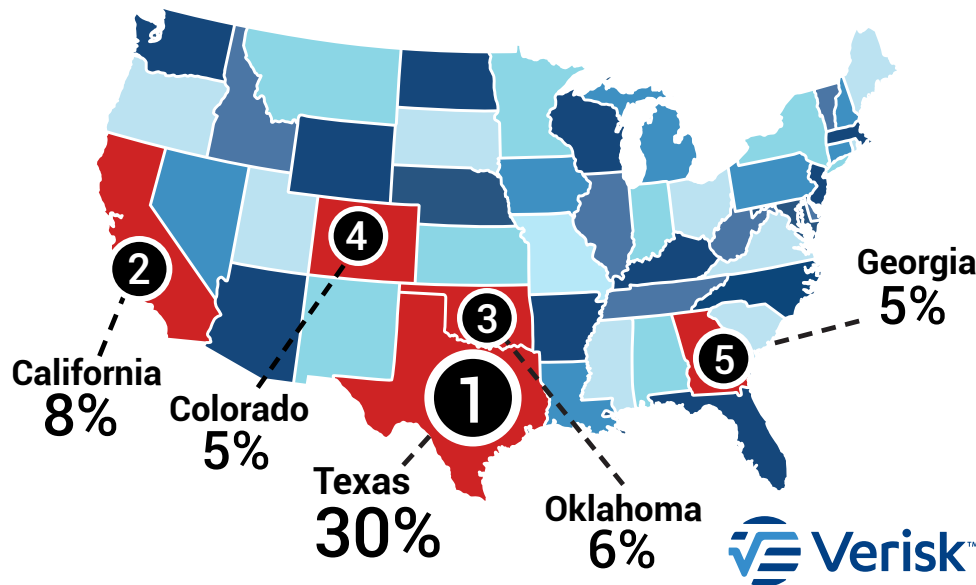
NER's Memorial Day Weekend Heavy Equipment Theft Trends 2026

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.

286

Equipment Theft Incidents Reported

Top 5 Targeted States



Total Loss Value: \$7,650,346

Top Targeted Equipment Type



1. Skid Steer



2. Utility Vehicle



3. Mower

Top Targeted Location Type



1. Jobsite



2. Storage



3. Dealership

Top 5 Brands Stolen



#1
(24%)



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#2
(18%)



#3
(6%)



Bobcat

#4
(5%)



#5
(3%)



NER's Memorial Day Weekend Security Tips & Best Practices 2026

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

Industry

- 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 property. Walk your fence line to be sure everything is intact. Thieves partially cut fence posts or stack materials near a wall in preparation.
- Move highly targeted equipment into service bays and away from the fence.
- 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 so that thieves cannot use them to steal your equipment.



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Law Enforcement

- Remind personnel of the heightened equipment theft threat, and to contact NICB for assistance at 800-447-6282. NICB can provide NER's equipment ownership information on machines, including 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, or search the machine on NER's owner registration data online. Register for at <https://application.ner.net/NER>.

Review your fleet inventory on NER

- Update your NER fleet registration to add any new machines.
- Physically verify that the serial numbers/PINs recorded on your inventory match what is actually on the machine ID plate.
- Confirm that 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.

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