

# STORAGE UNIT THEFTS CAN BE PREVENTED



## SECURITY MEASURES

Hasps with key or combination locks are easily defeated



Disc locks are inexpensive and effective



Cylinder locks are easily installed and difficult to defeat



## Screen Potential Renters

This includes making sure the renter has a valid drivers license, requiring list of references and verifying them, inquiring about criminal history, and verifying income and employment. Do background and credit checks.

## Educate Renters

Discuss rules and regulations. Have a potential renter sign a crime free lease addendum for storage facilities and discuss what behavior and activity is expected. Have a zero tolerance policy for any violations of the lease addendum. Review all points of the lease addendum with tenants. Explain up front violations will result in termination and eviction.

## Use Strict Access Control

Control the times that renters use the facility.

## Use Signage and Cameras

Let everyone know you're working in partnership with local law enforcement in either the Crime Free Storage Program or the Neighborhood Storage Watch Program and you have 24-hour video surveillance. Place those signs generously throughout the facility, along with cameras and signs regarding the hours of operation.

## Preventative Measures

- Encourage customers to buy insurance from the facility
- Consider having an onsite/live-in Manager residing on the property
- Have an alarm system; consider alarming each individual unit

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