

# PREPARE FOR THE SUMMER CRIME SPIKE

Crime rates in the United States tend to rise during the summer months. This seasonal increase is influenced by a combination of environmental, social, and behavioral factors.

## KEY FACTORS:



INCREASE IN  
OUTDOOR ACTIVITY &  
SOCIAL GATHERINGS



HIGHER  
TRAVEL &  
TOURISM



STUDENTS  
ARE OUT  
OF SCHOOL



HIGHER  
TEMPERATURES



LONGER  
DAYLIGHT  
HOURS



REDUCED  
STAFFING &  
SECURITY

## CONSTRUCTION SITES TARGETED

### LONGER DAYS & DRY CONDITIONS

MAKE IT THE BUSIEST SEASON  
FOR CONSTRUCTION

UP TO  
**\$1B**

WORTH OF CONSTRUCTION  
EQUIPMENT STOLEN ANNUALLY

**10-11K**

THEFTS A YEAR

**<7%**

RECOVERY RATE

THEFT OF EQUIPMENT AND  
MATERIALS CAN DELAY  
CONSTRUCTION TIMELINES BY  
**WEEKS OR MONTHS**

## PARKING LOT RISKS

HIGHER LEVELS OF OUTDOOR  
ACTIVITY MEANS MORE  
PEOPLE ARE DRIVING AND  
**LEAVING VEHICLES  
UNATTENDED**

2022

**5,000+**

CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFTS  
REPORTED PER MONTH

PARKING LOTS ARE

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

MOST LIKELY  
LOCATION FOR  
VIOLENT CRIMES

## RETAIL THEFT

INCREASED FOOT TRAFFIC AND  
REDUCED STAFF CAN LEAD TO

**MORE INCIDENTS OF  
SHOPLIFTING**

2023

**1.15M**

REPORTED CASES OF  
SHOPLIFTING IN THE U.S.

2024

**\$45B**

ESTIMATED  
RETAILERS LOST

## VIOLENT CRIME RISES

**WARMER WEATHER  
DRAWS PEOPLE OUTSIDE**  
TO PUBLIC SPACES AND EVENTS,  
INCREASING THE LIKELIHOOD  
OF CONFLICT

SPIKE IN MASS SHOOTINGS:

**JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST**

HAVE SEEN THE HIGHEST NUMBERS  
OVER THE PAST DECADE

**↑9%**

IN VIOLENT CRIME ON HOTTER  
DAYS COMPARED TO MEDIAN  
TEMPERATURE DAYS

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN  
SAFEGUARD YOUR PROPERTIES TODAY**

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