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These days, theft and damage to property and possessions are, unfortunately, a regular occurrence. Building sites represent rich pickings for opportunist and professional thieves alike, who regularly walk away with anything and everything. Cases have been known, where heating boilers have been cut off from their piping and lifted from their wall-hung mountings, complete kitchens have vanished overnight, crates of roof slates loaded up and driven away, JCBs taken away, only to appear in Eastern Europe or Russia within a matter of days.

We at Scandia-Hus know only too well the monetary and emotional costs associated with willful damage or theft, not to mention the delays experienced in ordering replacement goods.

### FENCING

You are strongly advised to provide secure boundaries to all sides of your site. Very often, where existing boundaries are inadequate or where boundaries are open, metal-mesh (Heras) security fencing panels are hired from a local plant hire or fencing company. They will supply 1.8m high fencing panels, post feet, panel to panel clips and access gates. In many cases they can also offer an installation service.

Of course, a secure site also helps keep vandals, children and any other unwanted persons at bay. Indeed, Health & Safety laws demand that sites are inaccessible to the general public. It still remains a strange fact that a trespasser may claim injury damages arising from an accident, if proper measures have not been taken to make a site secure.

### LOCKS

Garages, sheds and containers used for storage should always be locked at night and at weekends. Your new Scandia-Hus home will have pre-glazed windows and doors fitted at the earliest possible stage, and all have locks. The only exception is the front door, which has to be fitted by the builder in accordance with criteria related to access for disabled persons. This is usually not done until several weeks into the building programme, or often even near the end, in order to protect the door (which is the main access point in and out of the property), from getting damaged by tradespeople. Accordingly, you are advised to fit a temporary door or panel until such time as the main entrance door can be installed.

### COSTS

People often take the view that the cost of security measures is too high, but experience shows that the cost of ignoring such measures may work out much dearer!