



Protecting Your Cargo From Theft

A Guide to Keeping Your Products in Transport Safe



Half of all cargo thefts occur on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday.



California, Florida, and New Jersey all have significantly more cargo thefts than other states.



Cargo thefts increase by 61% around holidays.



Fourth of July, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving have the highest numbers of thefts overall.



The most desirable commodities for cargo thieves are items that can be easily sold on the black market. This list includes: food and beverages, clothing, electronics, house wares, metals, pharmaceuticals, cigarettes and alcohol.

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Use Best Practices:

- Always ask if weekend deliveries are possible** and schedule appointments for proper transit.
- Be sure to have the driver's contact information** before shipping over the weekend and ensure all needed information is in the carrier's hands.
- Strict carrier vetting:** Know who the carrier is, or work with a reputable broker who has a strict carrier vetting process in place.
- Situational awareness:** Be aware that cargo theft (and scams) do take place, and have processes in place to prevent them.
- Provide a secure chain of custody:** Utilize GPS if possible and maintain seal integrity. Require best in class locks, as pilferage often occurs while a carrier is stopped.
- Mandate that all employees follow protocol:** (such as shipping on a Friday afternoon scenario, verification of carrier, etc.)
- Avoid shipping on Friday's for Monday:** deliveries within 500 mile or less radius.
- Be wary of carriers with temporary license plates taped in the window** or temporary placard on the side of the tractor. If the name on the side of the tractor does not match the load tender, confirm with the carrier of record.
- Make a photocopy of the driver's CDL** and attach to the shipping records. If the driver is hesitant to provide, then use further due diligence.