



PROPERTY STORED OUTSIDE

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The purpose of these safety guidelines is to increase security and reduce losses.

Property stored outside

Protected property needs to be primarily stored in a locked storage area that complies with industry-specific requirements. Each industry's required level of structural burglary protection (I–III) is specified in a list published by Finance Finland¹. Property that is stored outside must primarily be stored in a fenced and locked area.

- Property may be stored outside in an unlocked, open area only if the property is suitable for outside storage and so large that it cannot be stored indoors in a practical way.
- Property that is valuable, easily moved or small in size must not be stored outside. This kind of property includes, for example, optical measuring devices, handheld tools and small motor-operated machines.
- The key to a motor-operated or towed machine, vehicle or other device may not be stored with the machine it belongs to. The cabins of motor-operated machines must be locked. Towed devices and trailers must be secured with an appropriate lock or other mechanism so that they cannot be attached to vehicles.
- Towed devices and trailers must be locked so that they cannot be attached to towing vehicles without breaking the locking mechanism. Devices loaded on a trailer must be secured onto the trailer with a lock.
- If a device or trailer is attached to a vehicle, the vehicle must be equipped with an immobiliser. Permanently installed electronic immobilisers and removable mechanic immobilisers are both acceptable.
- Other machines, vehicles and devices stored in an unfenced area must be attached to a strong fixed structure with a certified class 3 padlock and class 3 chain, or the device must be prevented from being moved in some other reliable way. Heavy motor-operated machines with a lockable cabin do not need to be secured in this way.
- When property is stored inside a fenced area, the location of the property and the structure and locking of the fence must be such that the property cannot be stolen without first breaking the fence.
- The fence may be a chain link fence with a maximum mesh size of 50mm, or another type of fence that gives similar protection. The fence may not have gaps and it must surround the entire protected area. The fence's structural height must be at least 2 meters and its height from ground may not exceed 100mm. Gates and other entry points must be locked with a safety lock or class 3 padlock.
- A fenced area must be illuminated so that trespassing can be detected. The lights must be placed within the fenced area.

¹ Available in Finnish at <http://www.finanssiala.fi/vahingontorjunta/dokumentit/Toimialaluettelo.pdf>

If property is stored outside in a steel container, the container must fulfil the following requirements:

- The container door must be locked with its own lock and additionally with at least a class 3 padlock and hasp or latch designed for the purpose. The hasp or latch must be designed so that it prevents cutting of the lock's shackle.
- Any holes in the container must be protected with steel net or grille.
- If the property in the container is of substantial value, the container must be equipped with an alarm monitoring system. A grade 2 intruder alarm system, for example, meets the requirements.
- If the container is equipped with a grade 2 intruder alarm system, it may also be placed in an unfenced area.



The example photos show equipment designed for containers.

A list of tested products is available in Finnish at www.vahingontorjunta.fi.

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