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California tops states in cargo theft

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California was at the top of the list for cargo thefts in 2010, according to a report from the National Insurance Crime Bureau.

A cargo theft occurs anytime goods are stolen while in transit between shipper and destination, the bureau said.

California had 247 thefts, followed by Texas, 91; and Florida, 66. The bureau identified 747 cargo thefts nationwide worth \$171 million.

Electronics topped on the list for type of item stolen, followed by "other" and food items.

All three commodities are relatively easy for criminals to sell after they are stolen with many of the goods being resold online, at flea markets, and overseas, the report said.

To reduce cargo theft, the report recommends:

- **Screen employees:** Conduct a background check to screen all employees, but at a minimum, drivers and warehouse employees as well as anyone who has access to shipment information and other logistics details.
- **Training for all employees:** Provide security training for all employees, and educate truck drivers in hijack awareness and prevention.
- **In-transit security:** Consider in-transit security when deciding on shipment routing. Cargo theft can be pre-planned or opportunistic.
- **Conduct audits:** Conduct periodic supply chain audits, and look for gaps in shipment protection. Cargo criminals are always coming up with new ways to defeat security devices and systems.

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