

CARGO THEFT



At North American Transport Services the company policy regarding parking while at home time is very strict. You must park at our yard and it also applies if you're making a delivery in the south Florida area. The reason behind this policy is simple. Florida is one of the states with the most cargo theft. According to statistics from FreightWatch international, a logistics security services provider, the 3 states with the most cargo theft in 2013 were Florida with 25.1%, Texas with 16.2%, and California with 15.6%. Other high theft are the states of Georgia, Illinois and New Jersey.

In the year 2012, California was the state with the most cargo theft, followed by Florida, Texas, New Jersey Georgia and Illinois. These five states account for nearly three quarters of all U.S truck cargo thefts.

The reason why California's cargo theft dropped is attributed to cargo theft crews relocating to other states and not because of any law implementation to avoid thefts according to the California Highway Patrol Cargo theft taskforce. In fact, they do admit these bands of criminals get more tech savvy every day.

For the state of Florida the numbers haven't shown much improvement and in fact it has gotten worse. Florida now leads the percentage of theft. The product type most often stolen is food and drinks, and electronics has the second spot.

It is imperative to follow company policy regarding parking of your vehicle in Florida. You must never go directly to your delivery if you have to spend the night waiting at this location. You must come to the yard and sleep at the yard and move towards your delivery in the morning. Also, if your Hours of service don't allow you to legally make it to the yard, you must then spend the night in your truck in central Florida and move once your 10 hour break is over. Never leave your truck unattended at truck stops, since the greatest number of incidents happen primarily at truck stops.

