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Home builders team up with police to help stop theft at construction sites



In an effort to help reduce thefts from construction sites, home builders are now using new state-of-the-art technology to help protect valuable assets.

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In an effort to deter thieves from targeting construction sites, Edmonton police and the Canadian Home Builders Association are coming together to use technology to help protect valuables at homes under construction.

All material that arrives at construction sites will be registered and can be traced using technology called MicroDotDNA Technology, which is about the size of a grain of sand and encompasses an identification number.

Once a valuable is armed with the technology, police will be able to track it down.

The Canadian Home Builders Association says theft from construction sites is a growing problem that ends up affecting the builder's bottom line, but ultimately homeowners' also pay.

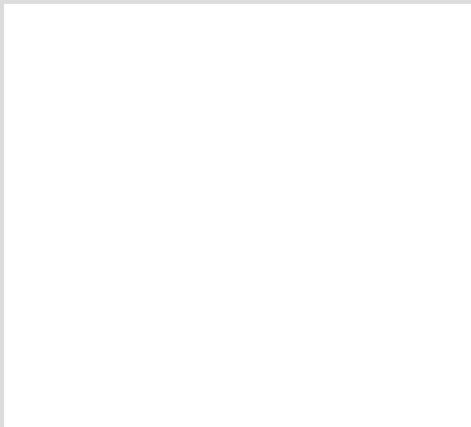
"When we have a certain amount of theft it eventually gets translated in the price of the home," said Sandra Young, representative of the Canadian Home Builders Association Edmonton region.

The program will be used on everything from lumber to appliances.

Currently, the following home builders are using the technology:

- Homes by Avi
- Landmark Homes Edmonton
- Landmark Homes Calgary
- Landmark Homes Red Deer
- Summerhill Homes
- Best Communities by Landmark
- Urban Landmarks Master Builders
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