

# Cargo Theft Prevention Checklist

## Pre-Planning, Scheduling, Gate & Yard Control

**BUILT FOR 3PL OPERATORS, DISTRIBUTORS, WAREHOUSERS, AND INDUSTRIALS.**

Use this with customers, prospects, and your team. The threat. The gap. The system that closes it.



### Why This Checklist Exists

Strategic cargo theft is no longer a yard problem. It is a yard control problem. Organized rings don't pick locks – they walk through gates that weren't designed to stop them. Fictitious pickups, cloned credentials, and double-brokered loads now account for the majority of high-value freight theft. Every incident traces back to the same root cause: a gap between what the TMS planned and what the gate actually verified.

CargoNet tracked over \$454 million in directly reported losses in 2023 alone. The full toll – unreported incidents, insurance increases, detention, SLA penalties – runs into the tens of billions. That number is rising.

This checklist covers the five control layers that close that gap. Work through it against your current operation. The gaps you find are where the risk lives.

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Freight theft events after Renaissance deployment

96%

Reduction in security incidents – 6/month to 0.25/month

50%

Reduction in manual labor through automated gate workflows

### Where to Start

Scheduling + Gate Access Control first. These are the two points where 80%+ of strategic thefts are stopped or enabled. They deliver the highest immediate security return – and improve daily operations at the same time.

**How to use this checklist:** Check off what you have in place today. Every unchecked item is an exploitable gap. Use it as a self-assessment, a conversation with your ops team, or a baseline for a prospect walk-through.

## 1. PRE-PLANNING & SCHEDULING

Control starts before any truck moves.



- Single authoritative schedule replaces spreadsheets and emails
- Role-based permissions with audit trails for all changes
- Capacity rules encoded by dock/door, workflow type, and day
- External carriers see only permitted slots – no visibility into full schedule
- All reschedules or overrides require confirmation and logging

## 2. PRE-ARRIVAL

Surface problems before they reach the fence line.



- Mandatory driver/equipment pre-registration via portal, integration, or link
- Third-party validation of driver identity and carrier authority (USDOT)
- Data consolidation and conflict resolution before arrival
- Live ETA integration from visibility platforms
- AI-assisted processing of emailed appointment requests

## 3. GATE ACCESS CONTROL

The decisive control point. Most thefts are stopped or enabled here.



- AI-driven multi-factor threat matrix runs in real time at gate entry
- CDL scan + facial recognition + carrier name match
- Automatic reconciliation of any driver-provided reference number
- Computer vision validation of USDOT, plate, trailer number, and seals
- Escalating workflows based on discrepancy severity: AI → guard → denial
- Load-specific, one-time access credentials for high-risk loads
- Persistent translated mobile communication channel established at check-in (160 languages)
- Safety badging/training enforced as gate condition
- Complete, time-stamped record of every gate event – photo and OCR evidence attached

## 4. YARD & DOCK CONTROL

Nothing moves without a record.



- Real-time asset-to-load association maintained throughout facility
- Automated door/lane assignment with manual override only when necessary
- Spotter tasks issued and tracked via mobile device
- Real-time detention monitoring visible on operational load board
- All exceptions trigger structured, auditable workflows

## 5. GENERAL & COMPLIANCE

The record that holds up when it matters.



- All PII and consent handling is SOC- and GDPR-compliant with auditable records
- Full shipment history – photos, messages, timestamps, signatures – retained for investigations
- Regular process reviews to optimize workflows and reduce exceptions
- Participation in CargoNet/TAPA intelligence sharing programs
- Quarterly simulation of impersonation and double-brokering scenarios

## Schedule Your Yard Control Assessment

30 minutes. No cost. No obligation. We'll show you exactly where your current gate and scheduling processes create exploitable gaps.



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