

SECURING TEMPORARY SITES WITHOUT SACRIFICING FLEXIBILITY

8 QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE SELECTING AN ACCESS CONTROL SOLUTION

Construction sites, temporary facilities, remote staging yards, and dynamic jobsites are all susceptible to similar security and operational concerns. They don't always have permanent perimeters, established access points, or stable workforces, and often have high-dollar-value equipment on-site.

Padlocks on fencing and gates, and paper sign-in/out sheets, can provide a false sense of security. They frequently leave large visibility gaps and create problems with tailgating, credential sharing, unauthorized access, and workforce accountability.

As compliance requirements, safety expectations, and security risks continue to increase, organizations need access control solutions that provide both flexibility and control.

When evaluating temporary site access control options, ask these eight key questions.

1. CAN THE SOLUTION MOVE AS THE SITE EVOLVES?

Temporary environments often don't stay put. Phased construction, shifting perimeters, and fluctuating workflows may require entry points to move as projects progress.

Select systems can easily be moved and redeployed with no permanent anchors, trenching, or heavy infrastructure. Flexible, mobile systems allow you to keep people secure as your site changes.



2. DOES IT PHYSICALLY PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY?

Access control should do more than verify credentials—it should help prevent unauthorized access.

Evaluate whether the solution provides a physical deterrent against tailgating, piggybacking, and credential sharing. Combining physical barriers with electronic access control creates a stronger layer of protection than manual check-ins or temporary gates alone.

3. CAN YOU SEE WHO IS ONSITE, WHEN, AND WHY?

Workforce visibility is critical for safety, compliance, and operational accountability.

The right solution should create a clear record of site activity by tracking who enters and exits the site and when those events occur. Real-time and historical access data can support investigations, workforce management, and emergency response efforts.

4. WILL IT INTEGRATE WITH EXISTING ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS?

Many organizations already have a credentialing program, access control platform, and badge technology in place.

With a solution that connects to your existing badge technology, teams can secure temporary facilities without implementing a new credentialing system or creating additional administrative work.

5. IS IT BUILT FOR HARSH OUTDOOR CONDITIONS?

Equipment installed at temporary locations is often subjected to dust, mud, moisture, extreme temperatures, and heavy usage on a daily basis.

Control centers located outdoors need to stand up to the elements. Your access control systems should be engineered to operate in an outdoor setting and perform dependably in harsh conditions with little upkeep.

6. DOES IT SUPPORT COMPLIANCE AND WORKFORCE ACCOUNTABILITY?

Facility operators are often required to keep detailed workforce records to manage safety programs, comply with regulations, and track contractors.

Access control automation can assist with compliance efforts by generating auditable activity logs and minimizing the need for manual record-keeping.



7. CAN IT SCALE ACROSS MULTIPLE ACCESS POINTS OR PROJECTS?

A solution that meets your needs today for one entrance might fall short as your project grows.

Will your infrastructure have the capacity to add more lanes? Multiple gates? Accommodate future phases? Expand to multiple job sites? Invest in solutions that scale to provide maximum value and flexibility well into the future.

8. WHAT IMPACT WILL IT HAVE ON DAILY OPERATIONS?

Security should protect your site without creating undue congestion.

Assess the impact on the throughput of employees, visitors, contractors, and security personnel. Access control should allow you to do more with less manual intervention and paperwork.



SECURITY THAT ADAPTS TO CHANGING ENVIRONMENTS

Temporary facilities have different access control needs than permanent buildings. The best options provide security, accountability, and visibility without sacrificing operational efficiency, and can easily adapt to meet the changing needs of a dynamic environment.

Portable full height turnstiles help organizations bring many of the controlled access processes they've implemented at permanent facilities to temporary locations. These products combine physical security and electronic credentialing technologies with workforce visibility and portable infrastructure. When implemented at temporary locations, portable full-height turnstiles allow organizations to gain control, enhance accountability, and improve compliance from project start to finish.



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