

# Thieves thwarted by hanging tools far out of reach

## No storage room at High Park site

## Project's crane does double duty

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Construction cranes have their uses even after the day's work is done.

An example of a particularly useful crane is provided by Context Developments Inc., which is building a mid-rise condominium called Home, located near High Park on Bloor St. W.

If you go by the site on the weekend or during non-working hours and look up, you'll see a big box way up in the air hanging from the crane.

"When I saw it myself the first time, I couldn't figure out what it was doing up there," says Alex Spiegel, director of development for Context.

Spiegel explains that Home is being built on a steep, tight site. There's little space left over for securely storing items such as building materials and equipment.

So at the end of each working day, the expensive power tools are put in a big toolbox, which gets hoisted up by the crane to hang in the air overnight, safe and sound, some seven storeys above street level.

"Nobody can walk off with the special tools when



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**With no room for on-site storage, crews working at this site overlooking High Park found a creative way to guard tools and supplies.**

they're up there," Spiegel says.

He says it reminds him of camping trips when you hang your food in a tree at night so bears don't get at it.

"Obviously there are no bears prowling around High Park, but I suppose there's a lesson here in dealing with an urban variety of prowlers who have an appetite for something more than trail mix."