



SOLUTION BRIEF

BEING RESPONSE-READY BY KEEPING THE TRAIL HOT AND CREWS READY

Preventing Equipment Loss and Delays in Mining



INTRODUCTION

Responsiveness depends on the right equipment being in the right place at the right time. Power tools, lifting gear, survey instruments, safety harnesses, and specialised machinery all move constantly—between vehicles, tool cribs, depots, and work zones.

Yet despite sign-out systems and periodic audits, losses remain a costly reality. Tools are misplaced at shift change, borrowed by subcontractors without record, or redeployed to another site without notice. By the time missing items are discovered, the trail is cold, and recovery is unlikely.

The consequences are more than the equipment's financial value. Missing equipment delays projects, compromises safety, and forces site managers and supervisors into firefighting mode. Modern asset visibility solutions like Good To Go can break this cycle by enabling fast, regular completeness checks, keeping the trail hot, and tying operational data directly to each asset.

WHY THE TRAIL GOES COLD



The timing of discovery determines the outcome:

Immediate Discovery:

When a missing tool is flagged the same day, crews recall where it was last used and who had it. Recovery is straightforward.

Delayed Discovery

After a week, rosters rotate, subcontractors move to other sites, and vehicles are reassigned. Accountability blurs and the list of possible locations grows.

Late Discovery

At a monthly or quarterly stocktake, the trail is stone cold. No one knows where to look, and the item is written off.

The loss issue is compounded by late discovery. The longer the gap between loss and discovery, the less likely an item is found and the higher the cost implications.

THE TRUE COST OF COLD TRAILS



Financial loss

High-value tools and equipment disappear, forcing unnecessary repurchases.

Project Delays

Missing items cause downtime—for example, a lost harness halting work at height.

Safety Risks

Crews improvising without proper gear face higher accident risks and non-compliance fines and penalties.

Wasted Time

Supervisors and logistics teams spend hours chasing items that may never be found.

READINESS IN MINING

Loss prevention addresses only part of the problem. Supervisors also face the daily challenge of knowing their crews and equipment are ready at the start of every shift.

Manual checks are slow

Walking a site or tool crib can take hours.

Assumptions cause risk

If crews head to work without confirmed gear, the first sign of a missing item is when work stalls.

Subcontractor complexity

Multiple companies sharing gear makes accountability difficult.

With Good To Go, a completeness check of an equipment store, container, or vehicle can be done in seconds or minutes, not hours. Foremen or supervisors are accountable for the check, and missing items are flagged before work begins. The payoff: fewer delays, fewer disputes, and greater crew confidence.



BEYOND PRESENCE: SMART ASSET DATA

Modern asset visibility is not just about “is it here?”—it’s also about “is it usable?”. Good To Go allows each tagged item to carry its operational information, instantly available on scan (via RFID or QR).

- **Expiry and service life** – e.g. fall-arrest harness expiry, calibration due dates for survey instruments.
- **Usage metrics** – run-time hours for pumps, cycles for batteries, or inspections for lifting gear.
- **Inspection status** – last inspection completed, next one due, results available at the point of use.
- **Issue reporting** – crews can log damage or faults in the field and route them directly to fleet, safety, or site logistics teams.

This ensures equipment is not only present but safe, compliant, and ready to use.



ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH SNAPSHOTS AND TASKING

Checks performed through Good To Go create time-stamped snapshots of who checked, when, and what was found. This builds a culture of accountability:

- Foremen and supervisors know they are responsible for daily completeness.
- Managers can see readiness across sites in real time.
- Compliance audits are backed by verifiable records rather than assumptions.

BENEFITS FOR CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS



Hot trails = faster recovery

More tools are found quickly.



Reduced replacement costs

Less wasted spend on unnecessary purchases.



Fewer delays

Crews start work with confirmed gear every shift.



Improved safety

Assurance that safety gear is present and in service.



Time savings

Minutes per day, instead of hours per month, spent checking.



Data-driven planning

Loss and usage data informs smarter procurement and inventory levels.

CONCLUSION

The 'cost of doing business' has long included equipment losses, delays, and over-purchasing. But these problems are not inevitable. The real driver of loss is not only that items go missing—it's that they are discovered too late, when the trail is already cold.

By moving from infrequent stocktakes to regular, lightweight checks, supervisors can keep the trail hot, recover more gear, and prevent avoidable downtime. At the same time, embedding operational data at the asset level ensures equipment is not just present, but ready, compliant, and safe.

Good To Go enables both: fast completeness checks that build daily readiness, and smart data capture that powers long-term accountability. The result is fewer delays, lower costs, safer crews, and projects that keep moving.



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