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It seems to me that if grocery-cart manufacturers can make locks on the wheels of their grocery carts that lock if the cart is taken off property that portable gauge manufacturers could make it easier for licensees to secure their gauges. I'm fully in support of security issues, but I know licensees (I was a regulator for 15 yrs). Licensees may be *required* to secure gauges – they've always been *required* to secure materials – but that doesn't prevent carelessness. Manufacturers must be *required* to make gauges idiot-proof; to make them less attractive to thieves. Think about the systems used to secure radiography cameras. Did these measures make radiography safer? Did these measures make radiographers less likely to forget to lock the camera? No! So the answer to this problem is to make the device idiot-proof. Design the portable gauge so that if it's stolen, the radioactive portion is sequestered. Design the gauge so that the source rod has to be removed & stored separately. Merely the suggestion for redesign of an important engineering tool might make management much more amenable to *require* employees/authorized users to *ensure* that gauges were secure. There's some psychology to be reconed with. To get users to secure gauges with two layers of security will not prevent thefts. It just will add time to the users' pay-stubs.

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