PROTECTING YOUR BUSINESS FROM BURGLARIES

One of the most effective ways to reduce the chance of a business being burglarized is through the "Layers of Protection" approach, using more than one prevention method. Some of the "layers" of prevention are:

ALARMS

Alarm the business with audible, monitored systems. Make sure the interior of the business uses a motion detector for the alarm. Be sure to have the alarm company educate all employees on the proper use, arming and disarming of the alarm system. This is especially important for employees that open and close the business. The added education will help reduce false alarms.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

When choosing a video surveillance system for a business, be sure to pick a high quality digital system. If possible, it is best to have the monitoring and recording equipment located off site. Many times, burglars will seek out this equipment and steal it as well, leaving no evidence to identify them. Post notices that you do not have the monitoring system on site. Choose a system that allows plenty of cameras, both inside and outside of the business, if possible. Check the equipment often to make sure there is plenty of memory left. If using a VHS tape, replace it often with a new tape.

LIGHT

Lighting and good visibility are the best protection against becoming a victim or burglary. Well lit, open spaces and cluttered widows provide no place for a burglar to hide. For exterior areas, use a dusk to dawn timer to make sure lights are on all night. A softly lit

interior will make it easier for officers driving by to check for any unwanted, after-hours guests too! Leaving the cash register open, empty and visible from outside removes the promise of "fast cash". Valuables, including laptops, cell phones, etc., should not be left in plain site. Strategically locate displays to hide the most valuable items.

USE LAYERS OF PROTECTION

Locks

Lights

Alarms

Video Surveillance

Key Control

Safes

Gates

Fences

Landscaping

Access Control

Security Patrol

Security Doors

Window Locks

Inventory Records

Employee Education



BURGLARY PREVENTION FOR BUSINESSES

COMMON BUSINESS
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AND
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BURGLARY

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