

Commercial Burglary Prevention

DOORS & LOCKS

- ◇ *Secure doors, windows, skylights and other openings with high quality locks.*
- ◇ *Locks are not burglar proof. They make entry harder.*
- ◇ *Double cylinder, dead-bolt locks with one inch throw bolts are preferred for doors.*
- ◇ *Install cylinder guards and strike plates.*
- ◇ *Use solid core or metal doors with bars and u-brackets for added strength.*

ALARM SYSTEMS

- ◇ *Alarms are a deterrent and notification tool – not a physical barrier.*
- ◇ *Hire a professional to install your alarm.*
- ◇ *Have clearly visible alarm signage.*
- ◇ *Consider the use of cameras with your system*
- ◇ *Test your system regularly.*

WINDOWS

- ◇ *Ensure all windows are closed and locked before leaving.*
- ◇ *Remove merchandise from display windows at night.*
- ◇ *Install burglar-resistant glass, wire mesh or iron bars on windows.*
- ◇ *Rearrange merchandise so employees have unobstructed views outside the business.*
- ◇ *Windows should offer light and visibility - NOT easy access.*

LIGHTING

- ◇ *Light is one of the best crime deterrents.*
- ◇ *Use low-watt lights inside and bright lights outside.*
- ◇ *Illuminate all entry points and exterior sides of your business. Include alley and parking lot.*