

Security in and Around Your Premises



Do you have adequate arrangements in place to discourage an intruder from choosing your property to burgle?

Burglars choose premises with no or little obvious security Studies show that alarms, combined with other security devices, reduce burglaries. Burglars are less likely to gain entry when a house has two or more security devices (including window locks, dead bolts, security lights, and alarms). Studies of offenders show that burglars may avoid houses with good locks, burglar bars or other security devices. **The presence of an obvious alarm will immediately make a potential intruder think twice. This is important if you or family members are out and even more so if you in the premises at the time.**

Intruder Alarms

You can have just an audible system – one that activates a sounder on the outside of the house and relies on the racket to scare off any opportunistic burglar. Or you can have a monitored system that will dial out to a central station when the alarm goes off unless you cancel the call with a code. Central station will call a recipient of your choice to alert them that the property is under imminent danger of intrusion.



CCTV: Nowadays, a decent quality CCTV system costs only a few hundred pounds to install. More and more households and other premises are choosing to monitor their immediate surroundings using this technology, which can be recorded on very large hard disk recorders over a cycle of several days or weeks. But BEWARE. You cannot monitor outside your own premises or point your cameras down the street as this may violate the privacy of your neighbours and passers by. And by law, you need a warning notice – which is a good thing as it helps keep the criminals away. CCTV cameras are nowadays tiny and discreet with economy LED illumination. Combined with a bright LED IR activated security light, your perimeter is both monitored and visible

Access Control If you have a building where you need to restrict the movement of people in sensitive areas, you will want to use some kind of access control (door entry) system. These systems can be electrically code or swipecard unlocked, or you can choose to have a simpler manual combination button type. Either way, they help to safeguard people or property that is vulnerable.



Personal Attack Alarms (Panic Alarms)

Anyone who routinely sits in an office or surgery alone with employees, clients or patients, may be at potential risk of threat or attack. A sensible security safeguard, is a discreetly concealed button in a suitable location, such as under your desk, which can be quietly activated to alert someone to a potential problem. This can result in one of several levels of intervention from someone silently listening in to the room, to security arriving to intervene. Two buttons ensures that activation was not accidental.



Fitted Iron-barred windows and doors The security provided by bars over very vulnerable concealed rear windows and doors makes them a cost-effective option, *so long as the fire escape risk has been considered.* We can custom make and fit barred windows and doors to any size opening.



Door peep-holes, door chains, security locks and bolts

Personal security whilst inside a building is a worry for elderly or vulnerable - or young- people left at home alone for a time. Just knowing that they can check the door before answering, and ensure that it can't be pushed open if they need to open it, again represents a sensible and cost-effective additional security measure. Good locks and bolts also help to keep intruders out; but don't forget your fire safety. You must be able to escape. Do not deadlock yourself inside your house



Fire Exits must ALWAYS be kept clear during the time that staff are in the building. Always remember to unlock.

Fire Proof extinguisher letterboxes. *Up to 45% of fires are due to arson, mostly opportunistic vandalism.* One of our special letterboxes will safeguard your premises whilst allowing letters to be delivered at the weekend or when you are away. Considering that opportunistic arson is one of the major causes of fires, this simple safeguard is a must.

Fireproof / Waterproof Safes Inside your house you have numerous items of considerable value. You can't fit them all into a safe; but you can take pictures of them and fit those into a safe as evidence for your insurers in the unthinkable event of a fire or burglary. Everyone has a number of important documents they would not wish to lose, from photos of babies in the womb to certificates of achievement, to cash. The safekeeping of these and many other precious things can limit the horrible impact of a disaster if they at least, can be salvaged.



Image of letterbox mounted onto door over letterbox; and showing extinguisher strip around inside



Fireproof safes are usually rated for one hour up to around 800 degrees. This is more than the time it should take, for the fire service to arrive and extinguish your fire.

Remember that the water used to put out the fire often causes more damage than the fire. Better not to have the fire in the first place. After arson, electrical faults make up the next biggest cause of fires. Make sure you have your electrical installation checked periodically, and only allow qualified electricians to work on your installation. Make good any defects and **DON'T OVERLOAD SOCKETS!**

Walk around your house or business premises and add up what a serious burglary or arson attack could cost you in lost assets. Now add in the damage and vindictive, deliberate vandalism that so often accompanies a break-in.

And not all burglaries occur when you and your family are out. Audacious burglars will break in when you or your loved ones are inside asleep. Discovering a burglar inside your house in the middle of the night is a traumatic and dangerous experience. You can substantially reduce the risk by spending less than the cost of a couple of double-glazed windows.

We install, service and maintain all of these types of security. Please call us for a free survey and quote.

