Business Security Assessment

Use this form to assess your current security arrangements and adapt suggestions to suit your business needs.

Business Features (Consider making changes to the items ticked NO
Business identification and signs	
Street number clearly visible Business name clear front and rear Signs around perimeter of property Internal signs Y	 N Assists emergency services in locating business N Assists in situations where time is critical N Warns potential intruders of security measures N Guides visitors/customers away from restricted areas
Landscaping	
Landscaping regularly maintained Y Trees and shrubs are trimmed Y Rubbish and obstacles removed/secured Y	 N Promotes feeling of ownership (deterring offenders) N Reduces concealment and increase visibility N Restricts concealment and scaling of building
Lighting	
Security lighting installed around business Y All security lights operating Y Entries/exits well lit Y Car park well lit Y High risk areas well lit or sensor lights fitted Y	 N Acts as deterrent and increases offender detection N Security is only effective if in good working order N Reduces concealment and increases visibility N Particularly staff car park (enhance visibility/safety) N Pay particular attention to rear of business
Building design	
Floors, walls, ceilings of solid construction Roof reinforced Skylights and manholes secured Y Shelving well arranged Y Shelving limited in height or transparent Good counter design Y Bollards installed Bollards core drilled or bolted to ground Mirrors installed in store blind spots Lockable room for staff (safe haven) Y	N Solid construction restricts access and deters offenders N Reinforce below roofing to restrict entry N Affix locks and/or grills to restrict access though roof N Provides good sight lines and reduces concealment N Increases visibility and promotes offender detection N Limit unauthorised access over and around counter N Deterrent and physical protection from ram-raiders N Provides stronger protection (spot weld bolt heads) N A deterrent as offenders believe they can be seen N A room to which staff can escape if threatened
Doors	
External doors solid core construction Y External door frames solid construction Y Doors fitted with quality lock sets Y Entry/exit points clearly identified Y Limited number of entry/exit points Y Fire exit doors self-closing Y External door hinge pins protected Y Front door fitted with alert device Y Electronically controlled entrance door lock Height markers next to front door	 N Deter offenders/prevent entry (check Building Codes) N Deter offenders/prevent entry (consider blocker plates) N Deter offenders/restrict access (fit deadbolts/locks) N Guides visitors and customers (assists in emergencies) N Restricts unauthorised entry and assists monitoring N Prevent unauthorised entry (check Fire Regulations) N Mount to prevent removal for unauthorised entry N Buzzers/sensors/door chimes alert staff N Staff can lock doors remotely if threatened N Assists staff with offender description
Windows	
External windows/frames solid construction YExternal windows fitted with quality locks YExternal security screens of good quality YExternal security screens of good quality YEXTERNAL YES	 N Solid construction deters offenders and prevents entry N Key operated locks increase window security N Consider welded aluminium or steel screens N Install laminated glass or shatter resistant film N See and be seen (utilise natural surveillance)

Boundary fences around business Gates fitted with quality chains/padlocks Gates kept shut when not in use Fences and gates in good condition	Y Y Y	NNNNN	Open-style enhances visibility and restricts access Restricts access and deters offenders Restricts access and deters unauthorised entry Security is only effective if in good working order
Power board/letterbox/telephone			
Power board secured Power board cupboard/cabinet locked Letterbox fitted with lock Emergency services programmed in phones Telephone lines and boxes secured	Y Y Y Y	N N N N N	House in cupboard or metal cabinet Restrict tampering (electricity authority approved lock) Restrict unlawful access to businesses mail For fast emergency contact (i.e. 000) Secure to avoid unlawful tampering
Safes			
Safe installed Safe securely anchored Safe well located Safe kept locked Safe has drop-chute facility	☐ Y ☐ Y ☐ Y ☐ Y	NNNNNNN	Designed/installed to Australian Standard Anchor to floor or solid surface to prevent removal Limit access and keep away from public view Always keep locked even during business hours Allows staff to deposit cash without opening safe
Alarm systems			
Intruder alarm installed and used Intruder alarm monitored Alarm system has a duress facility Alarm system controls concealed Alarm system regularly checked and tested Staff trained in correct use of alarm Staff have individual access codes	Y Y Y Y Y	N	Designed/installed to Australian Standards Monitoring enhances effectiveness of alarm For emergencies (only use when safe to do so) To restrict tampering Security is only effective if in good working order Ensuring alarm is always correctly activated Codes changed/replaced when employee leaves
Surveillance equipment			
Surveillance equipment installed Good quality surveillance equipment Footage recorded Cameras monitored Cameras well positioned Staff trained in correct use of equipment Equipment regularly checked and tested	☐ Y ☐ Y ☐ Y ☐ Y ☐ Y ☐ Y	N	Enhances physical security and offender identification Consider image quality and storage capacity For offender identification and evidence Alerts staff to suspicious behaviour Over cashier or areas of poor visibility Equipment is only effective if used properly Security is only effective if in good working order
Key and valuables control			
Key register established Safe and spare keys secured Police supplied with keyholders details Secure location for staff personal items Valuable property marked for identification Valuables photographed & details recorded	☐ Y ☐ Y ☐ Y ☐ Y ☐ Y	N	Know who has access to your business Restrict access to keys Police will have access in case of an emergency This location should have restricted access Acts as deterrent and assists in locating stolen goods Assists with recovery of stolen goods and insurance
Cash and mail handling			
Cash handling procedures established Irregular banking times and routes Money bags disguised Business uniform/ID covered when banking Money counted out of public view Cash draw always kept closed and locked Cash levels kept low in registers Staff trained in cash and mail handling Mail register established	Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y	N	Protect your staff and your cash Do not let offenders know when you do your banking Avoid conspicuous bank bags when transferring cash Avoid advertising where you work when banking Protect your staff and your cash Do not advertise your cash/prevent sneak thieves Reduce the risk of loss Protect your staff from theft and dangerous goods Track incoming and outgoing items
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Fences and gates