

Tips to Safeguard Your Business

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Reduce Building Vulnerability

- A building should have adequate lighting at all entrances.
- Security cameras with alarms to capture intruders on video and notify police automatically.
- If time permits, think of purchasing security locks and guards. Keep plywood boards that fit large windows on hand so you can install them quickly to restrict access.
- Leave cash drawers open, indicating there's nothing to steal.
- Post signs in your store window that anything of value has been removed from the premises.
- Don't store money or valuables overnight in your business. If you must keep cash or other valuables overnight, keep them in a safe anchored to the floor.

Consider Hiring Security

- Security can alert police to potential problems and possibly dissuade vandalism from occurring.
- If a problem arises, you have a trained professional to handle any safety issues.

If you are a victim of burglary close your store

- The prime concern is the health and safety of employees and consumers, as well as preventing physical damage to property.
- Adjust store hours and reduce the number of employees who work.
- Closing your store allows you to preserve evidence.

Stay Informed and Plan Ahead When You Can

- Keep up to date on events in your community by watching news media and social media.
- Develop an emergency response plan for employees.
- Have a business continuity plan.
- Keep staff members informed of safety plans, so they know what to expect.

Review Your Insurance Policy

- Make sure your business policy includes coverage for vandalism/property damage.
- Contact your insurance agent to verify what exactly your liability and property insurance policy covers.