

Prevention Tips: Business Break & Enter

01: Alarms

An alarm system can alert police if a break-in occurs.

Check that an alarm system is up to date and functional. Remember to double-check the batteries and confirm that the alarm company's connections are operating correctly.

02: Signage

Protective signage is designed to warn offenders that their actions are criminal.

A notice indicating that the business is frequently monitored, has video surveillance, and an active alarm system might prevent thieves from breaking in.

03: Lighting

Check that all external lights are operating properly.

Consider leaving one or two lights on inside. The additional light improves visibility for police officers on patrol, and a light inside might create the appearance that someone is present.

04: Remove Items

Items such as shovels or ladders.

Shovels or ladders stored outside or near a door can be used as break-in tools or even weapons. Consider keeping them carefully inside so that thieves cannot get them.

05: Suspicious Behaviour

All suspicious behaviour, break-ins, and attempts should be reported to the police.

The findings assist Police and Crime Analysts in determining possible hotspots.