



Picks and Tips From Mike-the-Locksmith



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A Quote and a Message From Mike-the-Locksmith

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference. Robert Frost

Dear Readers:

This month, I share with you, how to protect your business from intrusion.

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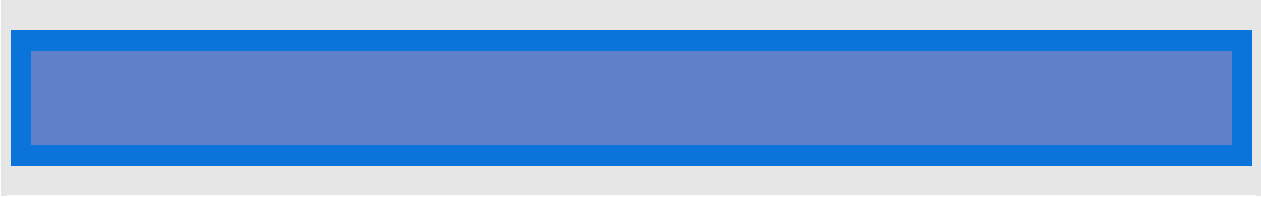




Protect your business from burglary

Burglary is a tremendous source of loss for many businesses, and can have a significant impact on your ability to serve customers. The following few steps can go a long way toward protecting your investment.

- **Illuminate Your Business** -one of the best ways to deter thieves and burglars is to install adequate lighting around your business. Keeping your property well-lit on the outside and on the inside can make thieves feel nervous, and thus less likely to target your premises.
- **A well-maintained exterior** - overgrown shrubbery, vehicles and trash dumpsters near buildings provide excellent cover for burglars. Keeping trees and shrubs trimmed away from windows and doors can help minimize hiding places around buildings.
- **Alarm and video monitoring** - an alarm system and cameras are the best ways you can help protect your property against burglary. There are a variety of different alarms available, ranging from very basic local alarms to central station systems. Cameras can involve protection of the perimeter, area or object.
- **Stay Connected to Your Security System** -Use a security system that connects to your mobile device. Not only will it notify you when your business' security system has been armed or disarmed, but it can also alert you to a panic alarm activation. Some security systems allow you to arm or disarm your security from a mobile app as well. And, you'll be able to monitor your cameras, as well.
- **Lock Up Secure Windows and Doors** - It may seem obvious, but it's easy for staff members to forget to lock up when they leave the business after a long day. You might consider a self-locking deadbolt. Doors and windows should not only be locked securely with deadbolts and other safety solutions, but you should make sure that they're constructed using high-quality materials too. Heavy metal grates might be necessary for vulnerable windows, and special solutions may be needed for sliding or glass doors.



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