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## **Commercial Burglary Prevention Tips from the Nassau County Police Department**



### **Doors & Locks**

- Secure all doors, windows, roof openings, air ducts, skylights, air conditioning units, hatchways, sidewalk and basement openings.
- Reinforce doors with long screws or bolts on heavy-duty strike plates, pop out proof hinges, or hole/nail combo at top and bottom.
- Replace all hollow-core doors.
- Double cylinder, dead-bolt locks with one inch throw bolts are preferred for doors.
- Install cylinder guards and strike plates to slow down forced entry and prevent "jimmying."

### **Alarm Systems**

- Install an alarm system and test system regularly.
- Have clearly visible alarm signage.

### **Windows**

- Close and lock all windows at end of business day.
- Install burglary-resistant glass, wire mesh or iron bars on windows.
- Clear windows of signage and overgrown shrubbery. If you can't see inside your business, neither can police officers.

### **Lighting**

- Illuminate all entry points and exterior sides of your business. Include alley and parking lots.
- Use low-watt lights inside and bright lights outside.

### **Video Surveillance**

- Install security cameras facing the cash registers and points of entry/exit.

### **Cash Registers & Safes**

- Keep a minimum of cash on the premises.
- Leave cash registers empty and open after hours.

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**Lock your business at night.**

**Proper lighting deters crime.**

**Use your alarm system.**

**Work with neighboring business.**

### **If a burglary does occur, call 9-1-1 immediately.**

**Do not try to enter the premises – the burglar may still be inside. Do not disturb any evidence.** Consult with your local precinct to discuss how to best protect your business from another burglary.

**Be Alert! If you see something, say something!**

**Call 911 for emergencies or crimes in progress**

**Crime Stoppers 1-800-244-TIPS**