

**DOORS:** Make sure locks on your doors are up to insurance standard. Consider fitting bars on the internal side of the door so that in the event the glass is broken, entry cannot easily be gained.



**REAR FIRE DOORS:** Consider fitting a metal plate onto the doors, secured by coach bolts or security screws, which overlaps the opening edge of the door/door frame to prevent forced entry. You can also fit a five lever mortice deadlock; however you must comply with fire regulations.

**PERIMETERS:** What is your perimeter security like? Are the fences and gates in good order? Take a few minutes to walk around your perimeter to check that all is ok and there are no gaps or anything that can be used to climb on to gain access.

**KEYS:** Restrict the number of keys issued and ensure that all master and vehicle keys are locked away in a suitable key cabinet and out of view.



If you would like a security review of your business, or if you have a question about business security, please email:

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# Protecting your business



A leaflet designed by **Dorset Police**, packed with useful tips to help prevent you becoming the next victim of commercial burglary.

To reduce the chances of your business becoming a victim of a burglary, take some time to consider the below points about your property!

**ALARM:** Choose an alarm from a professional alarm installer who is NSI or SSAIB registered. There are many options out there to choose from. If you already have an alarm, consider contacting your alarm company to review your system to ensure it is working correctly and that all the sensors are in the right place.



**SMOKE CLOAK/FOG BANDIT:** Depending on your business type, consider installing either 'Smoke Cloak' or 'Fog Bandit' which aim to stop burglars in their tracks by filling your shop with a thick artificial fog. Both methods have the Police 'Secured by Design' accreditation, and need to be attached to your alarm system. The fog can also be deployed in the event of an armed robbery.



**CASH:** Avoid keeping large amounts of money on the premises. Leave any cash tills empty and open so if anyone looks in the window they can see it is empty.

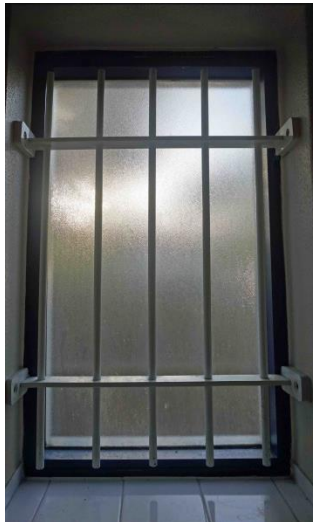


If you have a petty cash box which cannot be taken home, hide it in an unusual place. Consider putting up 'No cash is left on the premises overnight' signs.



**SAFES:** Ensure any safes are firmly fixed to a concrete floor or brick wall and hide it as much as possible. Enhance your alarm system in the area the safe is kept. Your insurance company will be able to advise which type of safe to get, depending on what you keep in it.

**WINDOWS:** Make sure you have locks on your windows, and ensure that they are locked at night. If you think you may have a window which can be easily targeted, fit bars to the inside. If aesthetics are important, consider fitting a grille made of wrought iron but be careful, and check that the windows are not designated fire escapes.



**CCTV:** CCTV must be fitted correctly and have the right lighting or infrared facility. It is recommended that your CCTV is fitted by an installer who is NSI or SSAIB registered.

