

## Commercial Property securing the premises

Protecting your property against theft, vandalism and damage is one of the best measures you can take in preserving your investment. First, conduct a building survey to identify the areas in which you could be vulnerable. Then, install deterrents to protect your investment, such as perimeter protection, gates and locks and alarm systems. Consider these safeguards when determining how to best protect your property:

commercial property crime prevention	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Install security cameras to view outside openings (doors and windows) and connect that to a recorder. Opt for closed-circuit television (CCTV) monitoring that can survey the site around the clock.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consider hiring guards and/or a mobile patrol service to conduct drive-by checks of the building.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Install an alarm transmission system that triggers when someone enters the building without permission. There are several options to choose from including: direct wire, derived local channel system, McCulloh transmitter, multiplex or radio system.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Install perimeter protection, such as fencing, around the entire property. This provides your first line of defense, and a physical barrier against vandalism and theft. Consider wood stockade fencing, barbed wire or chain-link fencing to deter intruders.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Limit the number of entrances or gates that individuals can use to enter your property.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Place a combination or key-operated lock on all gates. Security padlocks should have a covered shackle to resist bolt cutters and sawing, and should lock on both sides of the shackle.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Place lighting along the fence line to ensure that intruders have no cover in darkness when trying to infringe on your property. Lighting should be placed on all four sides of the property.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Install good interior lighting that is illuminated 24 hours a day.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Place padlocks that can resist hammering, cutting and sawing on cellar doors. Also, design cellar doors made of metal that are impossible to smash open.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Opt for a pitched roof instead of a flat one. A flat roof provides cover for an intruder and is easier to walk on. Also, be mindful that an intruder can remove mechanical equipment placed on the roof (air conditioner, for example) and enter the building through the opening. To deter theft, chain this equipment down to the roof.

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