



Sumter Police Department

Business Burglary Prevention

To keep burglars away from your business - make their work difficult, risky, and low-profit. Use these prevention measures to reduce the risk of a burglary to your business:

- Make sure to light all windows and doors. Make sure not to create harsh shadows which serve as hiding places
- Secluded areas, invisible to passers-by, are a burglar's delight
- Use chain-link or picket fences as barriers
- Trim hedges, bushes, and tree limbs away from entry ways and windows keeping the area visible
- DON'T leave ladders or climbing devices around the property
- DON'T leave loose tools or cinder-blocks/landscaping stones around
- Consider hiring a security agency or purchase a watchdog
- Ensure all doors and windows are secure
- Install deadbolt locks on doors
- Install metal bars, grillwork, or grates to windows
- Invest in a quality alarm and video camera system
- Ensure windows allow for visibility inside of the business, keep windows uncluttered
- Keep interior lights on inside business so citizens and officers can see the interior
- Keep registers at the front of the business with cash drawers open & empty
- Provide signage stating "No Cash Left on Premises"
- Keep safes out of sight from public view and bolt to floor

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Protecting life and property. Preserving peace and order.