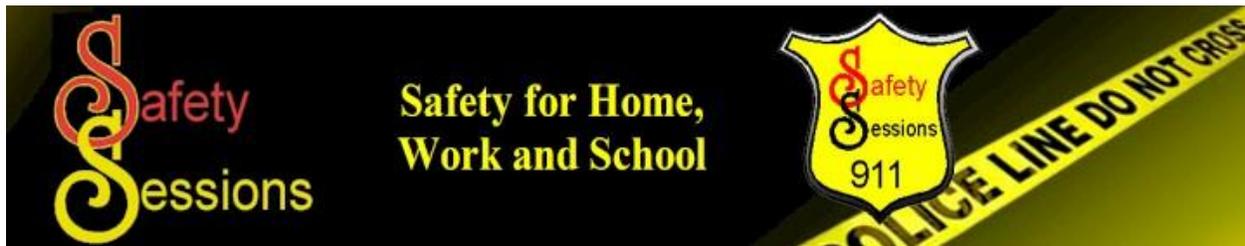


Burglary Prevention for your Business:

Commercial burglaries are four times more likely to occur than home burglaries, and small businesses are often targeted. Unlike home burglaries, commercial burglaries usually happen after dark.

Here are some tips to help keep your business safe:

- Adequate lighting, of both the exterior and interior of your business, will discourage burglary. Leave a few lights on inside even after hours to make it appear that someone is still there.
- Install an alarm system and post alarm notices around the property. Consider adding security cameras at strategic locations.
- Keep windows clear of advertisements, banners and the like, so both the outside and inside can be easily viewed.
- Keep a minimum of cash on the premises. Leave cash registers empty and open after hours.
- Move valuable merchandise and business equipment away from windows and doors to prevent quick “smash and grab” thefts.
- Protect windows and glass doors with transparent security film, safety glazing or strong roll-down panels. Consider installing burglary resistant glass.
- Reinforce doors with long screws or bolts on heavy-duty strike plates, pop-out proof hinges, or hole/nail combinations at the top and bottom. Replace all hollow-core exterior doors.
- Issue as few keys as possible and change locks if keys are lost or not returned by former employees. Don't tag keys with the name of your business.



- Call 911 immediately if you see suspicious activity. If you arrive for work and believe your business has been burglarized, don't go inside. Call 911 and wait for officers.

IMPORTANT NOTE: While the words "Burglary" and "Robbery" are often used synonymously they are completely different crimes.

- **Robbery** is the crime of taking or attempting to take something of value by force or threat of force or by putting the victim in fear. At common law, robbery is defined as taking the property of another, with the intent to permanently deprive the person of that property, by means of force or fear. Precise definitions of the offence may vary between jurisdictions. Robbery also differs from simple theft in its use of violence and intimidation.
- **Burglary** (also called breaking and entering and sometimes housebreaking) is a crime, the essence of which is illegal entry into a building for the purposes of committing an offence.