

Invest in a remotely activated electronic security entrance to your store. This will allow you to screen customers and refuse entry to suspicious persons. Such an entrance can also deter robbers from seriously harming store employee(s) as once inside, a robber will need the employee(s) to remotely activate the door to allow the robber to exit.

Invest in the addition of a burglar alarm with central monitoring, a video system, motion and glass smash sensors, and a panic button connected to your local police department or private security company to detect, prevent, and impede theft. Statistics indicate that proper use of a burglar alarm can reduce your chances of being burglarized by 50 to 83 percent. It is best to consult with a security professional to assist in evaluating various security options and costs to meet your needs and budget. Contact your local Better Business Bureau or the National Burglar and Fire Alarm Association at 301-907-3702 for a list of reputable security alarm firms in your area.

Invest in burglar bars or roll-down security gates on windows, doors, and vents and barriers such as concrete-filled posts or barriers or large cement planters placed around the business to deter smash and grabs and burglaries. Consider replacing any exterior hollow core doors with solid metal or sheet metal faced solid wood doors with steel door frames and long throw dead bolts. Also consider welding or peening any

hinge pins to prevent their easy removal. *(NOTE: Local building ordinances should be researched BEFORE costly security renovations are undertaken.)*

Invest in the installation of at least a number 10-gauge expanded steel mesh from the floor to ceiling in the walls of your vault or store walls that adjoin other businesses. Oftentimes interior walls that adjoin other businesses, such as those in a strip mall setting, are an easy breach point after entry to the adjoining store is gained.

If alarm systems are cost prohibitive, a simple inexpensive buzzer system may be wired to an adjoining store or business. In the event of a robbery, the FFL can activate the buzzer, and the adjoining store personnel will know to call the police.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

If you employ any additional security measures, contact your insurance carrier to determine if these measures will reduce your premium cost.

Contact you local law enforcement officials for additional advice on safety and security measures for your business and ensure that your local law enforcement agency has accurate business emergency notification information. You may also want to provide your local police department with copies of your business floor plan.

