



City of Greenacres

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Prevent Business Burglaries

- Install lighting near all exit doors on the front, back, and sides of your business. Ensure the illumination eliminates as many shadows as possible.
- Use only solid core doors for all exterior egress. Make sure that door frames are sturdy enough to resist being breached. Hinges should be located inside so that pins cannot be removed.
- Use deadbolts. Consider changing locks when workers with access to keys leave your employment.
- Install burglar-resistant glass, wire mesh, or iron bars over all glass.
- Arrange merchandise so that police can see into the store. Keep your expensive merchandise away from the windows and toward the center of the store.
- Keep front windows free of posters or merchandise that can prevent a burglar inside your business from being seen from the outside.
- Install and use a drop safe. Limit the amount of cash in the register and post signs indicating that a drop safe is used and that your register contains only small amounts of money.
- Check your ventilation system to ensure it cannot be used to gain entry.
- Install an alarm system and have it monitored by a security company and display alarm warning stickers on windows..
- Install a video surveillance system that is capable of producing a clear picture. Make sure the system is able to record and produce the activity for evidentiary purposes.
- Do not leave cash in your business overnight, display an empty cash register on the counter when the business is closed. Participate in the City's *Open and Empty* program.

Business Security Surveys are available to any merchant in the City of Greenacres. If you are interested in having a survey completed, please contact **Crime Prevention Officer Rick Warren at 561-642-2133.**