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OUR COMMITMENT

As a Security Professional, it is our job to assist you in performing your security related duties. We desire to be a genuine asset to your firm and to become an important member of your management team. Our goal is to assist you in solving and preventing security problems so that you can be more productive. Ultimately we would like to help you increase security, decrease risk and help you control or reduce your ongoing security related operating expenses. We recognize that physical security is only a small part of your overall responsibility. But for us, your security is our primary concern.

SECURITY MANAGEMENT

With Aluminum & Glass Doors An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure

The most common doors used in storefronts and industrial parks, are easily burglarized using “quick hit” break in techniques. As a result of this door design, small businesses and retailers are often the most vulnerable properties when it comes to random break-in attempts. But most of these burglaries are easy to prevent by implementing a few simple precautions.

Protect the Cylinder on the Front Door

The most common entrance used in retail and industrial park construction is the aluminum and glass storefront door. These doors have a narrow style aluminum frame with a plate of glass in the center. The locking system for these doors usually consists of a swingbolt lock operated by a cylinder on the outside and a cylinder or a thumb turn on the inside. It is the outside cylinder which is vulnerable.

Burglars Will Wrench the Cylinder

The most common break-in technique used on aluminum and glass doors is to twist out the outside cylinder with a pipe wrench.

These cylinders are threaded and held in place by a small set screw. Applying rotational force to the cylinder will usually strip the threads or break the set screw allowing the burglar to remove the cylinder and draw back the bolt with an ice pick or screw driver.

Use An Armored Collar

The simplest method to stop this break-in technique is to use an armored collar around the cylinder.

These collars are crush-proof and will just spin around the cylinder thwarting any wrenching attempts.

The cost of these collars are under \$20. The installation is simple and can be done in a matter of minutes.

A pipe wrench can twist off most mortise cylinders in a matter of seconds.

