

# Layered Security

When it comes to safety and security, we recommend a layered approach. This means using multiple security measures at different levels, including physical security, cybersecurity, and behavioral intervention. Each facility is different, so you will need to consider what will work best for your home, office, school, or place of worship.



- ❖ Consider territorial reinforcement, which involves designing spaces to clearly define ownership, using elements like fences, signage, and landscaping to discourage unauthorized access and promote a sense of ownership.
- ❖ Fencing or walls create a barrier to keep people out and can direct them to the entry points that you want them to use.
- ❖ Effective signage and wayfinding are fundamental to workplace security, as they provide clear directions, identify hazards, and establish boundaries, thereby enhancing safety and preventing accidents. The Center for Safe Schools suggests exterior signage should be: 1) visible from the street or nearest driveway, 2) contrasting with their background, and 3) reflective for low light or smoky conditions. All exterior doors should be numbered in sequential order in a clockwise manner, with the main entrance designated as number one.
- ❖ Access control is the ability to secure a site and regulate the keys and electronic systems that allow employees, students, and visitors to access the facility. Common systems include master keys and keys with more limited access, key fobs, locked doors, turnstiles, locked fences, sally ports/man traps, counters, and glass/plexiglass barriers.
- ❖ Keep all exterior doors locked and secured. Consider an educational campaign that will prevent employees and students from propping doors or letting in people without the proper ID.
- ❖ Consider a visitor management system that will include scanning IDs and a visitor lanyard/ID system and allow for the creation of reports or quick access to data. Some systems will swipe a visitor's ID and get a quick background check, including checking for custody violations and the Registered Sex Offender list.
- ❖ Cameras play a vital role in safety by providing real-time surveillance that can help detect and deter potential threats, ensuring a quicker response to incidents. Cameras that are live-monitored by office staff at their desks or broadcast to a larger screen in a public area increase situational awareness and response time when reacting to threats, physical altercations, or an active assailant. Providing this live feed link to local law enforcement improves their awareness when responding to a crisis on-site.
- ❖ Motion detectors and glass break sensors are a great way to monitor restricted areas.
- ❖ Security personnel to patrol and respond to incidents can make a huge difference in an emergency. In the case of a K-12 building, a School Resource Officer can be invaluable.