



A good number of crimes are committed every day because the opportunity is available to the criminals. The best way to help reduce crime is to help take that opportunity away from the criminals looking for that easy opportunity. Below are 5 tips that can help reduce the opportunity for a burglary to occur at your business.

### **Burglary Reduction Tips:**

1. Lock all doors: This also applies to interior doors that have items of value. It is always important to lock the exterior doors as a first line of defense. If the office door (usually where cash drawers and safes are located) is also locked, this will make the burglary take longer to get those items of value and increase our chances of catching them.
2. Windows: Locking them is a good start. Also, look to see if there are any large items near the window that look inviting to use as an item to break that window. Less clutter on windows or obstructions also help people outside the business see in.
3. Lighting: This is one of your best deterrents. If a burglar can be illuminated where ever they are around your business, the better they will be seen by potential witnesses.
4. Roof access: Exterior ladders attached to the building should have security measures to prevent unauthorized access. Be wary of walls, fencing, or trees that can allow someone to access to the roof. **Make sure all roof latches are locked.**
5. Security Cameras: Check to make sure all cameras are recording properly and that video is being stored for an adequate amount of time, (30 days recommended). Cameras may not prevent a burglary but do help with the investigation and prosecution of the crime.

If you would like a Security Assessment of your business, please contact Officer Ryan Conway, Downtown Crime Prevention, at 480-858-6063.