



Derry Police Department



Business and Home Security Plan

The Derry Police Department is committed to our community at every level. A very significant member of that community is you, the business owner. We recognize your investment in this community and we seek to assist you in protecting your property.

We have Officers on duty 24 hours a day, conducting property checks, aggressive residential and business/industrial area patrols. As part of that commitment, we would like to offer this packet to you. This Business Security Packet will assist you in better protecting your property after hours.

Statistics

In 2019, the FBI recorded over 1,117,696 burglaries nationwide. About 62.8% of those burglaries occurred in residential properties.

Burglaries accounted for 16.1% of the estimated number of property crimes.

- 55.7% of burglaries involved forcible entry.
- 37.8% were unlawful entries.
- 6.5% were attempted forcible entry.

Victims of burglary offense suffered about \$3.0 billion in property loss (2018). Averaging dollar loss per burglary to about \$2,661.00.

These are national statistics, but they do demonstrate a need for all of us within our community to be vigilant.

Source: [FBI – Burglary](#)

How can you help ensure the safety and security of your business or home?

Building Security

Assess your property every year. What can you do to your property to make it more secure. Most security concepts are common sense based and do not require a large investment. Here are a few to assist you.

- **Exterior Lighting:**
 - Install hard point exterior lighting that covers your property. Whether they are motion or constant light. Have exterior lighting cover your entrances and exits. Ensure that your fixtures are high and difficult to reach so they cannot be easily tampered with.
- **Interior Lighting:**
 - Leave an interior light on after hours so that an Officer can see someone inside the building.
- **Unobstructed Views:**
 - Remove clutter from the areas around rear doors and windows so that they can be viewed easily by neighbors and patrolling Officers. Create unobstructed sight lines into your business from the front so that Officers, and customers, can see into your business.
- **Window Locks:**
 - Lock all windows. Locks should be difficult to reach in the event the glass is broken.
- **Doors:**
 - Install deadbolt locks on your first-floor doors and consider “burglar bars” on rear doors that might be obstructed from view. Ensure that your doors are solid and sturdy. Burglars often kick doors open by kicking the door at the locking mechanism. Ensure your locking system is strong enough to resist a forcible kick.
- **Camera Systems:**
 - Ensure your camera systems are functioning, cover high traffic areas, and are low enough to get facial features. Digital systems are the best and allow our Detectives to do forensic analysis that can be used in a criminal case.
- **Locks:**
 - Lock overhead and receiving doors with high quality pad locks.
- **Alarms:**
 - Building alarms start at approx. \$120 for a wireless “audio only” alarm all the way up to a company installed and monitored system which can cost thousands. The Town of Derry requires that if you do have an alarm system, register with us (ordinance attached). This allows our Officers to access contact information and after hour emergency contacts. For your convenience, we have attached a form which can be dropped off with our Records Department.

Please feel free to contact our department at any time with questions or concerns. As always, we are available 24 hours a day.

Business Number: (603) 432-6111

Emergency: 911

