Padlocks

• The most common assaults on padlocks are made with bolt-cutters and pry bars. Quality padlocks should have the following:
  • Laminated or extruded cases;
  • Hardened steel shackle with a minimum diameter of 9/32 of an inch;
  • A double locking bolt providing "heel and toe" locking;
  • At least 5-pin tumblers in the cylinder;
  • A key-retaining feature that prevents removal of the key until the padlock is locked; and
  • The chain or hasp you use with the padlock should also be of high-quality hardened steel.

Alarms

There are two basic types of intruder detection alarms, i.e., ringing and silent. The basic purpose of an alarm device is to deter an intruder from entering your business or to alert law enforcement of an illegal entry and assist in the rapid apprehension of the suspect. Some of the many time-tested reliable alarm devices are as follows:

• Audio Detectors
• Motion Detectors
• Photoelectric Detectors
• Electromechanical
• Electronic Fences
• Radio Frequency
• Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)
• Electronic Doors and Gates

You may contact the Los Angeles Police Department by calling the following toll free, at 1-877-ASK-LAPD (1-877-275-5273) or TTY 1-877-275-5273 for the hearing impaired. You may also obtain additional information on this subject, along with additional crime prevention tips, by visiting the Los Angeles Police Department’s Web site at www.lapdonline.org and clicking on the "Crime Prevention Tips" icon.

Should you have information regarding a criminal investigation or activity, please contact your local police station or the LAPD crime hotline at 1-877-LAWFULL (1-877-529-3855).

Los Angeles Police Department
Community Relations Section
Crime Prevention Unit
150 North Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 485-3134
www.lapdonline.org

Brochure designed by California State University Northridge Graphic Design students and faculty.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities.
Doors

- All exterior doors should be constructed of steel or aluminum alloy or solid-core hardwood, with a minimum of 16-gauge steel on side and rear doors. Glass doors should have burglar-resistant glass installed;
- Double doors should be secured with heavy-duty, multiple-point, 3” long flush bolts;
- The frame of the door must be as strong as the door;
- Exterior swinging doors should have a one-inch dead bolt with hardened steel insert and a free-turning steel or brass tapered-cylinder guard;
- Double cylinder locks are recommended where glass is located within 40 inches of the locking mechanism.

Windows

- Sliding glass windows and single or double-hung sash windows should have locking pins, bolts, locks or swing latches installed to prevent opening from the building’s exterior;
- Secure all windows. First floor windows should be protected with burglar-resistant glass;
- To provide optimum window security install bars, grilles, grates or heavy-duty wire screening;
- Mylar window coverings are inexpensive deterrents;
- Skylights, ventilation openings, air-conditioning/heating ducts and crawl spaces are all potential entry points for burglars. Permanently secure these openings by installing metal grilles or grates. If these openings cannot be permanently secured, be sure they are protected by an alarm system;

Lighting

At night, properly placed lighting will deter burglars. The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) recommends Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) Outdoor Lighting to improve security for your business. More light usually means less crime. The DWP Outdoor Lighting can help you prevent crime and it is inexpensive and maintenance free.

All you need is a wooden DWP utility pole with an appropriate voltage within 25 feet of your property line to mount the light. The DWP will help you select fixtures that are best for you and provide free installation. Light fixtures for your business cost approximately $16.00 to $21.00 a month, and provide up to 165 times as much light as a standard 60-watt bulb.

For more information regarding the DWP Outdoor Lighting program call 1-800-342-5397.