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Coronavirus has had a significant impact on the commercial sector, both financially and through the increased risk of anti-social behaviour. The impact on businesses will vary and will naturally be defined by its location, size, criminality, customers, produce and its security.

This check-list is designed to help protect your business during the current challenging times.

IF YOUR PREMISES/VENUE HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY SHUT, YOU SHOULD:

- **Test your alarm, ensure it is monitored and fully operational**

- **Identify any vulnerable areas and rectify them. Ensure security gates, bollards and fire exit doors have been secured prior to closure of the premises**

- **Ensure service doors are closed and locked when not in use**

- **Make sure you have a list of key holders who can be contacted in times of emergency**

- **Ensure your contact details for staff are up to date**

- **Consider moving high value items into secured stockrooms, out of view**

- **Ensure keys to the premises or other venues are not left inside and are instead held by dedicated key holders**

- **Consider timer switches or ensure sufficient lighting is left on at the premises/surrounding area**

- **Consider the risk of arson - ensure there are no combustible materials left in the proximity of the building such as packaging**
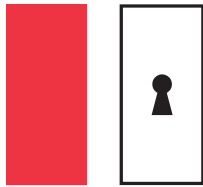
- **Review your CCTV to confirm it is operational, provides good quality images and is positioned to cover as much of the business' public and private areas. Ensure that all the CCTV images are backed up to the Cloud and/or your hard drive is locked away**

- **You may wish to consider a mobile phone app that allows connectivity and a vocal capacity to engage with any intruder to warn them they are being watched**

- **Ensure that no cash is retained on the premises overnight or store it in a security accredited safe bolted to the floor**

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IF YOUR PREMISES/VENUE HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY SHUT, PLEASE REVIEW PROTECTIVE SECURITY MEASURES AND CONSIDER:

- Using Secured by Design products where possible such as PAS 24/2016. Access their site and products by visiting www.securedbydesign.com

- Installing external shutters, but remember some buildings may be subject to planning approval before installation

- Ensure all doors leading from public to staff areas, for example loading areas, are kept secure and monitored by CCTV

- Laminated glass or security film that can be applied to existing glass to make it more resistant to a physical assault. Shutters and grilles, subject to planning regulations, may also be a consideration

- An insurance rated safe should be bolted to the floor or wall. Anti-tamper sensors can be fitted to set off an alarm if attacked

- Anti-ram security rated retractable bollards can be mounted externally to protect frontages, but these may require planning approval

- Consider the use of anti-theft alarms on most desirable household items

- Fogging devices that activate as a result of an intruder activation may also be beneficial it means that criminals can't steal, what they can't see

POLICE CYBERALARM

Police CyberAlarm is a **FREE** tool to help members understand and monitor malicious cyber activity. Businesses in Lancashire can sign up for a membership for the government-funded tool as part of the pilot which runs until the 31st March 2021. Visit **https://cyberalarm.police.uk/** for more information.

You can also download a wider business crime prevention guide by visiting:

www.lancashire.police.uk search business crime

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