have you seen anyone suspicious?

If you do see a suspicious person or action, call the authorities immediately and answer all questions asked. Do not hang up.

Give an identifying description of the suspicious person, such as:

Sex __________________________
Race __________________________
Height _________________________
Weight _________________________
Age __________________________
Hair / Facial hair __________________
Clothing _________________________
Auto make, model, color __________
License plate number ____________

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Every year, more than 2.1 million burglaries are reported to law enforcement authorities. These account for 21% of property crimes in the United States. On average, one burglary results in a financial loss of $1,725. [1]

However, many of these crimes are completely preventable. With a small amount of preparation, you too can thwart would-be burglars.

1. check your locks

In almost half of all completed burglaries, thieves enter through unlocked doors or windows. [2] Commit to locking every door and window every time your business is closed.

2. secure obvious entrances

94% of successful burglars enter through the ground floor. 70% enter through the front or back door. [3] Concentrate your efforts on making these areas as secure as possible.

Consider installing:
- Flood lights on every entry door.
- Dead-bolts on every entry door.
- Peep holes on every entry door.

3. make your business look occupied

Burglars prefer to rob businesses that are unoccupied. [4] Create the illusion that you’re occupied by:

- Setting interior lights, TVs and stereos on timers. [5]
- Alerting the post office if your office goes on vacation so your mail doesn’t pile up.

4. ditch the hidden key

That spare key under your doormat is a free pass to any would-be thief. Instead, give your spare key to an office you trust.

5. consider getting an alarm system

In a survey of 400+ career burglars, 83% said they would determine if an alarm was present before attempting a burglary. [6] If you’re seriously concerned about the safety of your business, a security system can be a powerful deterrent.

6. they’ll be back

If you’re unlucky enough to be robbed, be aware. 76% of burglars return within 30 days to attempt another robbery. [7]

If you’ve been robbed, change your locks, lock your doors and windows, make your business appear as occupied as possible and consider getting an alarm system.