

Managing property properly

Better Security = Safer Homes and businesses

As we speed towards the end of the year, the threat of burglaries and robberies increases. 7Arrows has compiled this list to assist all, to better secure themselves over this period.

1. Better out than in. Access control is a crucial aspect of security. Whether you have a biometrics and tag system, or a simple remote control, remember to only grant access to a visitor when you are 100 percent sure they are legitimate.



2. Check the locks on your doors and windows. A door is only as strong as its weakest point - make sure that hinges, locks and window closing mechanisms are solid.

3. Call your alarm monitoring company. Does your armed response company have your contact details? Have you tested that they receive your panic button and alarm signals?



4. Have a plan. How do you open up in the morning, and lock up in the evening? What if the unthinkable occurs? Have a simple plan for potential emergencies such as fire, robbery, burglary, flooding.

5. Have a team talk. What visitors are allowed in? How do you screen visitors? When should the gate be opened, and when not? Effective communication may just save the lives of your co-workers and families. Take time out and make this happen.



6. Use your equipment. Many of us have alarm systems and don't use them, or electric fences which are in disrepair for want of a bit of shrubbery trimming. Learn how to use these systems, and do so on a regular basis.

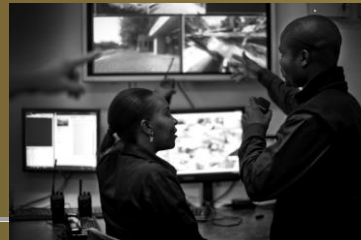


7. Sharpen the saw - maintenance. A poor quality CCTV image can often be repaired by wiping a lens, a stuttering gate smoothed out by cleaning

a rail, and a troublesome alarm by clearing insects from around PIR sensors.

8. Change the code. How many people know the code to your alarm, or the keypad at your gate? It's a simple process to change the codes - manuals can be found on the internet for most alarm systems.

9. Think like a thief. Approach your house or office from the perspective of a burglar. Are there any trees near walls that are easy footholds over? How would you break in if you had to. Find the loopholes and close them.



10. Come and go with care. Many attacks take place when you are leaving or arriving, or showing guests in and out. Make sure that you are aware at these crucial times.

Yours in safety,

The 7Arrows Team