



*Los Angeles County*  
**Sheriff's Department**

# Holiday Tips on Commercial Burglary Prevention

- *Keep your business well-lit at night, especially around entry points, parking lots, and alleys. You can also install outdoor lighting on the roof and along alleyways.*
- *Install an alarm system and make sure it's visible to customers. Test the system regularly and train staff to avoid false alarms.*
- *Use good locks on doors and safes, and make sure you know who has keys to which.*
- *Install video surveillance cameras and make sure they're working properly. Place cameras behind the cash register and facing the front counter.*
- *Cover windows with bars or grills, or use burglar-resistant glass.*
- *Make sure fences are high and sturdy, and consider adding barbed wire on top.*
- *Keep cash on hand to a minimum after hours, and store valuables in a safe that's anchored to the floor.*
- *Keep your business clean, which can make it uncomfortable for burglars.*
- *Perform background checks on new employees and contractors.*
- *Post signs that indicate your business has limited cash on hand, and is equipped with an alarm.*

**\*\*Prevention tips provided by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Crime Strategy Unit in collaboration with the Major Crimes Bureau\*\***