



Protecting Your Business During Unrest

As a business owner are you wondering what you can do to protect your staff and business if unrest happens in the community? There are some things you can do to prepare.

Prepare Your Building Using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Ideas

1. Lighting– Install proper and uniform lighting on the interior and exterior of the building. Good lighting is directed downward and is about 500 Kelvins, which is a white light source. LED is your best option.
2. Glass Protection-Consider switching to lument glass or add security film to windows and glass doors. Security film should be at least 8 mil thick. Once installed security film acts like laminate glass.
3. Building and Lot Protection: Remove any loose items such as planters from around building or cement them in place. Place chains or posts across parking lot entries to limit access to space.
4. Site lines-Ensure coverings are removed from windows, so staff can see out for approaching people and people can see in to know if staff made need assistance.
5. Cameras– Install a good quality camera system with 1080 DPI and good night vision. Check the system regularly to ensure they are working. Ensure staff can download video when requested by Law Enforcement.
6. Have the Crime Prevention Unit conduct a free premise survey of your property. They will provide you with site security recommendations.
7. Work with your District Commanders if you have questions or concerns;
Sr. Cmdr. Ellison Central-651-266-5457, Jeremy.ellison@ci.stpaul.mn.us
Sr. Cmdr. Hallstrom East-651-266-5929, kurt.hallstrom@ci.stpaul.mn.us
Sr. Cmdr. Lego West– 651-266-5622, Joshua.lego@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Prepare Your Staff

1. Have an plan for staff to secure and leave the building. Ensure they know that their safety is your #1 concern and let them determine when they need to close and leave the area.
2. If there is a planned event consider adjusting your hours or locking doors, so staff can admit customers.
3. Have staff park nears doors, so they can leave quickly if needed.
4. Have emergency supplies for staff in case they feel they need to stay in the building.