



BUSINESS SECURITY ASSESSMENT



Dear Friends:



Since 1909, the deputies of Palm Beach County have provided a safe environment for thousands of people who live, work and visit Palm Beach County. The Sheriff's Office is committed to improving awareness and sharing the fundamentals of Crime Prevention in order to ensure our community is safe and secure.

The goal of Crime Prevention is to reduce the risk of becoming a victim. In order to accomplish this effectively, it is important to remove opportunities for a criminal to take advantage of you and your property. You are attempting to prevent either victimization or criminalization by presenting an unattractive target to the criminal. This can be as complex as installing a high tech alarm system and lighting to something as simple as locking your doors.

Crime prevention is using instinct, common sense, and taking action to eliminate or greatly reduce the criminal's opportunity. We all have a personal part to play regarding crime prevention. A large share of the responsibility of reducing criminal opportunity lies with you.

Thank you for working with us to make Palm Beach County a safer place for all its citizens.

Sincerely,

Ric L. Bradshaw, Sheriff
Palm Beach County



After the Crime Prevention Deputy completes a physical security assessment, our business citizens have a far greater understanding of their physical security program. The Crime Prevention Deputy will carefully analyze all areas of the facility, working inward from the property perimeter line, to the interior of each building, then to the high security areas. The Crime Prevention Deputy will analyze current security measures to determine their adequacy in deterring or preventing unauthorized access or egress, and make our recommendations on how to strengthen the security program by making improvements, if deemed necessary, by the company. When the assessment is completed, our business citizens will have recommendations for effective measures that can be taken to improve their security.

All information contained within a Security Assessment is strictly confidential. The information is protected under Florida State Statutes 119.071(3) and 281.301.

For more information on this subject please contact the PBSO Crime Prevention Unit at the following:

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The first step toward proper security against burglary is to take time to evaluate your current security measures.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit is staffed by 6 Deputy Sheriffs and 1 Sergeant, whose duty is to provide Crime Prevention services to our citizens. They are all assigned to specific areas of the Sheriff's jurisdiction. They are trained by the Florida Attorney General's Office, Crime Prevention Training Institute. Their main area of expertise is in conducting Security Assessments along with other Crime Prevention related activities.

Research indicates that if you know the security risks you are facing and take action to manage and/or correct them you may have a significant advantage in reducing crime on your property.

The PBSO Crime Prevention Unit wants to assist you in achieving this advantage by identifying the vulnerabilities through Physical Security Assessments and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Assessments.

Security Assessments can provide answers to questions such as these:

- What is to be protected?
- What are the vulnerabilities of what is to be protected?
- What emergency plans are in place for your property?
- What measures can be taken to achieve the desired level of protection?

The goal of a Physical Security Assessment is to evaluate and provide corrective options for a property owner to help decrease the chances of becoming a victim of crime. An on-site inspection is conducted and the corrective options are provided for improving the safety and security of the property. All PBSO Security Assessments are completed in conjunction with the theory of Design Out Crime. **This is a free service of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.**

WHAT IS A SECURITY ASSESSMENT?

We offer three types of Security Assessments; **Basic, Intermediate and Comprehensive.**

The **Basic** and **Intermediate** Assessments include an evaluation of existing physical security hardware, lighting and fencing, as well as access control, intrusion detection systems and video surveillance. Our deputies also conduct assessments of external areas for burglary, robbery, assault and parking lot liability. We can also review emergency procedures for your business or make recommendations if there are none in place. These assessments are prepared on Sheriff's Office forms that make it easy to understand the recommendations being made for each subject. An assessment of this type usually takes 1-2 days to complete.

The **Comprehensive Assessment** is a more in-depth document. This assessment is also called a Design Out Crime Assessment. Comprehensive Assessments are based on the concept that, "The proper design and effective use of the built environment can lead to a reduction in the fear and incidence of crime and can improve the quality of life." This is from the **National Crime Prevention Institute.**

This survey goes beyond traditional "target hardening" measures such as doors and deadbolt locks and windows.

The Design Out Crime principles are Crime Prevention measures that are inserted into either the planning stages or retro-fitting an existing structure and landscape project to assist in the reduction of crime. This can be accomplished by implementing these Design Out Crime Principles:

1. **Access Control** – refers to the use of doors, landscaping, fences and gates to control access to your business.
2. **Natural Surveillance** – involves improving the ability to observe what is occurring in and around your business by utilizing lighting, landscaping and windows.
3. **Territorial Reinforcement** – uses the design and use of walkways, landscaping, fencing and gates to define private and public properties.
4. **Maintenance** – is an expression of ownership of property. Deterioration indicates less control by the intended users of a site and indicate a greater tolerance of criminal activity.

Yes, I would like a Crime Prevention Deputy to call me for a follow up.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Business Name _____

Business Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone #1 _____

Phone #2 _____

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